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Colonel-In-Chief

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL Message from the Colonel-In-Chief

The world has seen some momentous changes and events in the course of 1991 which are having a great effect on our lives, mostly for the better, but nevertheless they have brought some problems too.

The principal event of the earlier physical crumbling of the Berlin Wall has ended in the amazing turn of events of the complete demise and repudiation of Communism after 74 years of despotic rule. With it has come the dissolution of the U.S.S.R., for so long the possible enemy of the Western World.

At the same time we are experiencing - on both sides of the Atlantic - severe economic and financial problems. Taken together these two facts (the lifting of fears of aggression and the problems of the financial recession) are causing great upheavals in the military world. Cuts in numbers and economies of finance will, of course, cause many problems that have to be faced.

However, I am quite certain that they will not affect the quality of our Regiment and the soldiers who serve in it. Indeed, if we are not to be so numerous the standard must be even higher to achieve the same results - a great challenge!

There are difficulties ahead and sadly some disappointments to be endured. But we will still emerge the fine Regiment we have always been for 77 years and I know my Patricias will always stand for all that is best in a Regiment, from junior Private to senior General.

Colonel of the Regiment

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



Major-General H.C. Pitts, MC, CD

Message from the Colonel of the Regiment

As the Regiment completes yet another year of service to Canada, it is worthwhile reflecting on what we have done and to think ahead to the many challenges before us.

First Battalion has completed another of the Regiment's many tours in Cyprus. It was a highlight of that duty when Lady Patricia and her husband were able to visit during August 1991. As usual, her interest in the Battalion's activities and in the welfare of all ranks was evident and much appreciated by those serving with the unit at that time. A Change of Command and Change of RSM's took place immediately on return to Canada and I know that I speak for all when we thank the incoming and outgoing gentlemen for their contributions and wish them all well in future endeavours.

Second Battalion celebrated the Fourtieth Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong by receiving and trooping new Colours in June. Of particular joy to all, was the presence and participation at the event of Colonel Jim Stone. He enjoyed all the activities nearly as much as we enjoyed having him in our midst once again. Lady Patricia visited for a short but pleasant time before going on the Victoria.

Third Battalion exercised the Freedom of the City of Victoria on Canada Day in the presence of the Colonel-in-Chief. This was followed by the firing of a Feu-de-Joie on the Legislature Grounds and was a particularly spectacular event for all concerned. A Change of RSM's took place here as well and both gentlemen involved deserve thanks and congratulations.

Throughout the many events of the Regiment's year on which it was "on parade" the Association was close by. The interest in the serving members and what they are doing has not been higher in the minds of those of us who have "retired from active service". As more move from uniform to other occupations and activities, the Association continues to provide that vital link between past, present and future.

As we are going to press with this issue, there are new challenges being offered to the Regiment. These range from the possibility of other additional Peacekeeping assignments to necessary organizational changes and a closer relationship with the Militia. Fresh insights will be needed to cope with change and to recognize the opportunities presented. As always, the Regiment stands ready to meet the tasks presented and will acquit itself with credit.

To all ranks, and to the members of the Association, may I express my congratulations on a year of great accomplishments and to say thank you for the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me and to my wife, Marianne, during the course of our visits and duties.

God's speed and best wishes to all Patricias.

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Sashes

The custom of wearing sashes, originally as an article for a practical purpose but which developed into a sign of rank, is fairly ancient. As far back as the seventeenth century the sash was worn either round the waist or over a shoulder, falling to the opposite side.

The original purpose of the sash was for the carrying of a wounded officer off the field, to which end they were usually made of silk, being strong as well as light, and full enough to enclose the human form.

Clifford Walton, in his "History of the British Army, 1600-1700" states that "The sash was worn by all officers from the General down to the Sergeant, whether Horse, Foot or Dragoons. The material was similar to that still in vogue, the fringes, however, being, in the case of Commissioned officers, of gold or silver. In this, as in most other details, considerable licence prevailed prior to the Revolution (1688), some officers preferring silver net work, others gold, while others again favoured plain crimson silk; but by degrees greater uniformity was ensured and the use of gold and silver network became confined to the highest officers. The sashes of officers of Horse were exceedingly handsome, having rich fringes two, three, or even four deep round the waist, and very deep fringes at the ends. The private troopers of Horse also wore sashes, the only exception to the general colour being the Fourth Dragoon Guards, whose sashes were white. Pikemen in Foot regiments were similarly distinguished by sashes, but of white worsted with a coloured fringe. In some regiments of Foot, all the men appear to have worn sashes in Charles's reign. There is nothing new under the sun, and the fashion introduced but a few years ago, of wearing the sash over the shoulder, was usual also in the beginning of the seventeenth century; during the latter half of the century, however, the custom was generally to wear it round the waist.

Whatever freedom officers had in the seventeenth century in regard to the method of wearing the sash, a Clothing Regulation of 1747 directed that officers of the infantry should wear it over the right shoulder, and those of Cavalry over the left shoulder, and that NCOs of both arms should wear it round the waist. The Royal Warrant for Clothing of 19th December, 1768, gave more precise details in regard to this matter, for it decreed that:

Officers of Cavalry and Infantry - "The sashes will be crimson silk and worn round the waist."

Sergeants of Dragoon Guards, Dragoons and Light Dragoons - "A sash round the waist of crimson spun silk, with a stripe of the facings of the regiment."

Sergeants of Infantry - "The sash to be crimson worsted with a stripe of the colour of the facing of the regiment and worn round the waist."

Here we have three kinds of material being used:

Crimson silk for officers;
Crimson spun silk for sergeants of Cavalry;
Crimson worsted for sergeants of Infantry.

Further, the officers' sashes were all crimson, whilst those of the sergeants were crimson with a stripe of the colour of the facings of the regiment.

As to the colour of sergeants' sashes, this has varied with the passage of time, e.g.,

1727-Generally...crimson and colour facings mixed.

1750-The Royal Scots Greys...striped red, blue and yellow.

1753-The Royal Dragoons...blue.

1768-As in Royal Warrant...crimson with a stripe of colour of regimental facing.

1826-Horse Guards Memo., 18 Feb 1826...Four stripes of crimson and three of other colour.

1845-New pattern...crimson and scarlet as at present.

The multicoloured sashes were abolished because when they got wet the colours ran into each other.

In 1855, when the tunic was introduced, Field-Marshal and General Officers wore their sashes over the left shoulder. This method maintained until, by General Order No. 90 of 1st April, 1882, it was directed to be worn round the waist. The same General Order stated that "with the tunic the sash will be worn diagonally over the left shoulder and over the sword belt." In 1912, however, all officers wore their sashes round the waist knotted on the left side, whilst warrant officers and sergeants wear theirs over the right shoulder, falling to the left side. In the Somerset Light Infantry, however, the officers knot their sashes on the right side and the sergeants wear theirs over the left shoulder, falling to the right, i.e., the reverse of the general method.

As regards the sergeants of the Somerset Light Infantry, the wearing of their sashes over the left shoulder was authorized by Horse Guards on 3rd April, 1865, "This custom came about to commemorate the Battle of Culloden in 1746 when all officers were struck down and the regiment was commanded by its sergeants.

In Canada before Confederation, all uniforms and regulations for dress followed the British customs and the sash carried on to the present day as just one of the many traditions held onto from our past.

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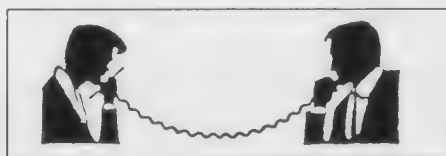
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Tent routine, again!



What do you mean this isn't the top? Climbing Black Rock Mountain.

For 1 PPCLI 1991 was a special year, for the time had come once again for the Battalion to go to Cyprus as Canada's representative. Although the Battalion has been there before (5 times in fact), and many senior Battalion personnel have at least one previous tour to their credit, a peacekeeping tour is still special for the simple reason that it is an operational tasking. Many of the peacetime restrictions placed on the unit are lifted to facilitate operational readiness.

Prior to Operation SNOWGOOSE 55, the Battalion conducted winter indoctrination training for the Headquarters of ACE Mobile Force (Land). The participants were introduced to Canadian kit and shown some basics of movement and living in winter conditions. A two day exercise was conducted where snow shelters were constructed and lunch was eaten at the peak of Black Rock mountain (where the rations refused to heat up despite the boiling water). The visiting group consisted of soldiers of all classifications and trades, including clerks, an Italian mountain guide and two British officers who served in the Falklands. As a result the exercise was as much of a



The Colours as 1 PPCLI assumes command.

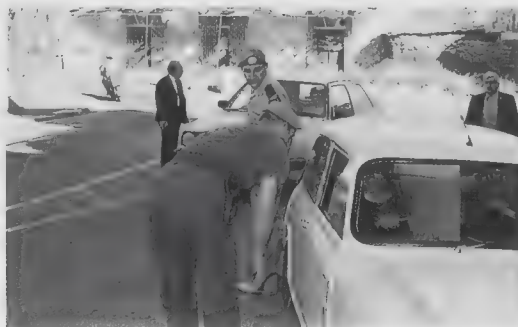
learning experience for the Directing Staff as the visitors, with many stories being exchanged over a log fire.

The months of January and February were dominated by preparations for the rapidly approaching deployment to Cyprus. For the best part of the previous six months Captain Pidgeon had been working hard in his capacity as Rot O (???) in preparation for the deployment. With the new year everyone got involved as the Battalion reconfigured and other matters were deep sixed until September, or Rear party, whichever came first...A small two day exercise was conducted in an effort to prepare the line companies for some of the challenges they could expect to face while away. It was invaluable as it provoked many of the questions which otherwise might not have been asked until faced with actual situations in Cyprus. The exercise was also the first time for many to meet the Militia soldiers who were to make the trip with us. The three officers and 73 men and women had actually been training on their own for some time in preparation, spending many a day on the ranges at Sarcee and Wainwright.

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Captain Rudy Raidt had to come to Cyprus to retire.



Traffic control at Paphos Gate.



I though they knew we were coming...



Canada Day Chuckwagon Races, Adm Coy Leading.

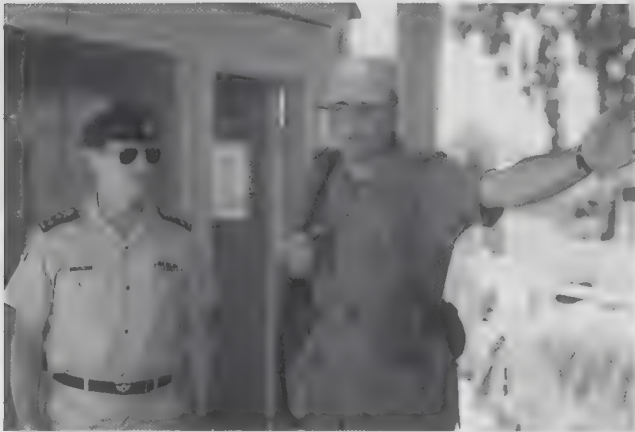


"So what are we looking for?" An impromptu kit check at Trenton.

The advance party left Calgary on 21 February, leaving behind a fierce snow storm and the DAG from hell which required all pes to be at the drill hall by 0430. Although it wasn't much more than 10C on arrival in Cyprus, it certainly felt balmy after the chill of sub-zero temperatures which had been left behind. The remainder of the Battalion followed approx 10 days later, and assumed control of what is easily the most disputed part of the "Green Line".

The six month tour was highlighted by two particular aspects. The first was the success encountered on the line. The soldiers executed their duties aggressively as Infantry soldiers should, and left their mark by managing to retake several key pieces of ground such as the disputed Olympus Hotel in the City Company sector. It is to the credit of all that the only "major" incidents during our tour (except one shooting by a young Turkish soldier who obviously failed his Personal Weapons Test) came as a result of the aggressive execution of their duties by the First Battalion soldiers. It is far better to have to deal with soldiers doing more than is required than dealing with someone doing less. There was no doubt who held the initiative.

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"You just stick out your hand like this."



The victorious Milskills teams after winning the UNFICYP competition.



The Shooting Team.



The Canadian Track and Field team.



The Colonel in Chief inspects the troops.



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BGen Vernon asking the troops if they're doing their PT on a regular basis. YES!



Members of Force Reserve being instructed in the art of convincing someone to "come along".



WO Owen in his office.

The second aspect of success is the way in which the Battalion teams totally dominated almost every competition conducted during our six months on the island. The high point was definitely the 1-2-3 finish of the Canadian teams in the Military Skills competition. This caused the Force Comd, MGen Milner to announce that he was proud to be a Canadian. Not to be outdone by the achievements of the Mil Skills Teams, the 1 PPCLI Track and Field team scored what was considered an upset victory in the UNFICYP Competition. Competition saw the Canadian team fighting an uphill battle from the outset, but they persevered and clinched first place in the second last of nineteen events. The Shooting Team excelled by winning three of four events in the UNFICYP Shooting competition to claim the overall trophy in a convincing manner.



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Pte Taylor negotiates an obstacle on his way to a gold medal.



"That's right, I hunt great white sharks."



"I do what?" Ptes Karambowich and Archambault try to milk a goat during Canada Day activities.

Unfortunately a soldier's life is not all fun, and the members of 1 PPCLI were forced to endure many long hours exposed to the relentless heat on the beaches in Ayia Napa. Needless to say every man did his bit to improve international relations. Warrant Owen was kept quite busy in his secondary duty as the Contingent scuba instructor. In fact, next to the perennial favourites of drill and line tours, scuba was by far the most popular in fact, that some chose to take a civilian course as the military courses were all full.

The soldiers would not be deprived of their right to drill, however, and so with this in mind some VIP's (LGen Foster, BGen Ashton, Adm George, Commissioner Bell, and just about anyone else who was either interested or curious) were brought into the Canadian sector to be given honour guards and line tours. Those soldiers not fortunate enough to be involved in the drill were usually given the opportunity to give the standard briefing which greeted guests at every observation post. How can it be that the British High commission is 1500 meters Northwest of every OP on the island?



MCpl McLeave and friends practice their drill.

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"If you hold it like this you'll do much better."



Where is the ball? Broom-i-loo played on Regimental Day.



The Colonel in Chief and the RSM.



"Yes Sir, I'll get right on that..." MCpl St. Gelais hard at work.

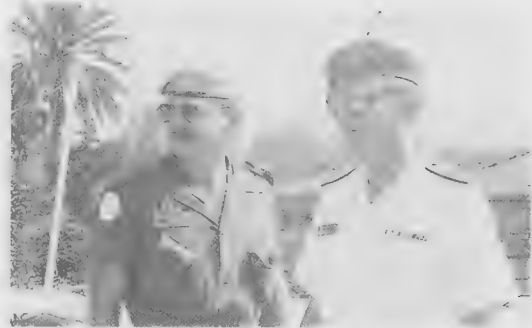


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Body and Soul in the CANCON Show. What body and soul!



Adm George and Maj Pollack, "No really, who looks the coolest?"



Taking their imminent hanging in stride.



"Are we in first or last?"

At the end of June the Battalion was visited by a group of ladies known as Body and Soul. They formed the backing group for the Cancon show, a group of entertainers who visited the Canadian troops serving the UN in various capacities in various locations. Initially there was some grumbling as the dress for those attending the show was shirt and pants (ie. no shorts or t-shirts). These misgivings were immediately put to rest however, as the performances (of which there were three) were extremely entertaining and well worth getting dressed for. The Turkish sentries, who were only two hundred metres away, must have wondered

what all the applause was for. Despite the time difference Canada Day was celebrated on July 1. The Headquarters complex of Ledra Palace was graciously turned into a wild west town almost overnight by the troops, complete with a jail, a bank, and a gallows. In the morning and the afternoon the Greek and Turkish Officers respectively (but very much apart) visited to share in the celebrations. Battalion members were fortunate enough to celebrate Canada Day twice, once with each group of guests. Despite the obvious lack of resources an adapted rodeo, with a stage crew acting as the bucking part of the bronco (a barrel).



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The City Company Team during the Milskills obstacle course.



The Colours during the Drumhead Ceremony.



Sgt. Primmer (Dead Eye Dick)



The UMS crew after practicing on each other again.

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Calgary Cares came to visit. Here 20/20 Band performs outside Maple House.



"Where's the Karaoke machine?"



And here Pte Kennedy serves breakfast to the troops.

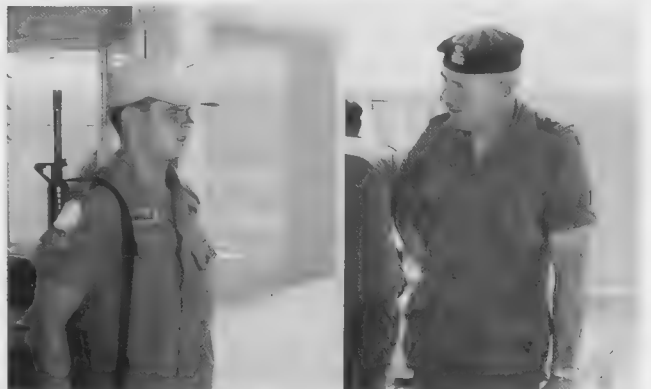


"Do you think they'll read the fine print?" LCol Pentney, BGen Ashton, MGen Pitts, and LCol Ramses at the COCP.



And thus Rubble Path became Patricia Way.

Immediately on returning to Canada of command



Cpl Labelle and BGen Ashton

parade was held to mark the departure of both the Commanding Officer and the RSM. LCol Ray Romses was replaced by LCol Dave Pentney (does promotion while in Cyprus carry the same stigma as being promoted while serving as Reserve Support Staff?) who had occupied the position of DCO 1 PPCLI for the previous year. CWO Ritchie was succeeded by CWO Spring as the RSM. The parade was followed by three weeks of hard-earned leave, during which soldiers were re-acquainted with their families, and the troops let the city of Calgary know they were back.

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"Ok, take the knife in your right hand." WO Skinner teaching drill in the dark.



MCpl MacCaul wants his own gold medal.

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Stan arrived at the position in the middle of the night. "I'll have someone take you to your company position," I said. "It's OK, I'll find it myself." He was back one hour later, "Who made the fire plan?" he asked. "I did," I said. "Well I've changed it."

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DCO Maj. Austdal with the C Coy Queen while the CO is distracted.



MWO McNaughton reads during Remembrance Day Ceremonies.



The soccer final during Grey Cup events.



C Coy Grey Cup Float.

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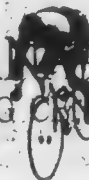
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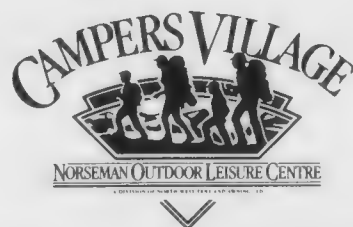
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The non-contact French Grey Cup game.



B Coy cheerleaders at the floor hockey game.

In late Oct the senior officers of the Battalion went to Norway to conduct a recce for the Battalion commitment to AMF (L). Preparations are now underway for deployment in Aug. 92 to exercise the Battalion Group in that role.

The year began to wind down with the French Grey Cup and finally the Men's Christmas dinner. Combat Support Company was victorious in the football game, with Bravo Company winning the Floor Hockey and Cbt Sp winning the soccer. Despite making it into every final



MCpl Pope acting as Santa for a good cause.

Charlie Company went home empty handed. The Men's Christmas Dinner was held on 12 December and provided an opportunity for the Officers and Snr NCO's to pay tribute to the soldiers that made the Battalion tick for the past twelve months. Also awards were made to the individuals who had been identified as the top soldier of each rank.



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*As you can see, it was a good year
to be a soldier in PPCLI.*



MCpl Romanko accepts the trophy for best MCpl from the CO. Also pictured are Cpl Taggart, Cpl Stegmeier, and Lt Weiss.



Lt Weiss is glad that he's not holding the fork.

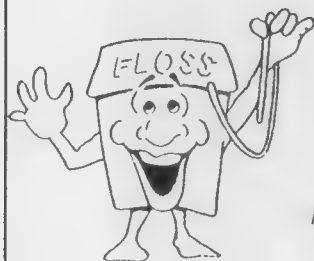
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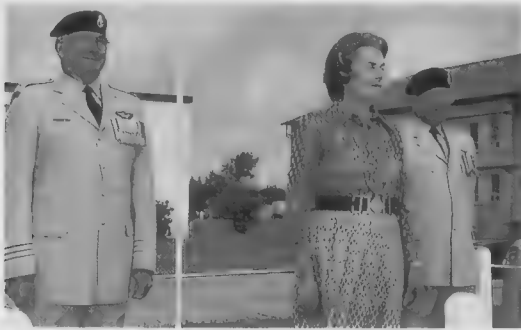
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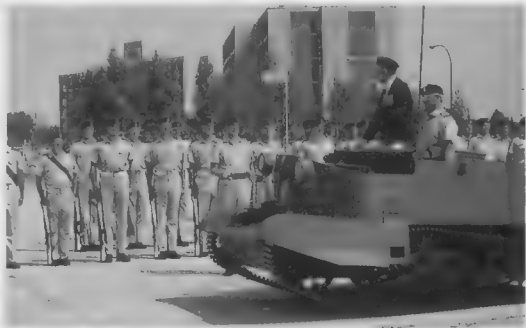
The Colonel-in-Chief on her visit to the Battalion.



The Colonel of the Regiment conducts his inspection.



Colonel "Big Jim" takes the salute...



...and conducts his inspection



The Old Guard Minds Post...

2PPCLI had a most active and interesting year. The highlight of the year was the Presentation of New Colours in June. Of course it was also an honour to have Colonel Stone attend this ceremony. Turning to training, the battalion participated in EX LETHAL STRIKE 91 and conducted two significant Small Unit Exchanges; these were, A Coy to the US Army National Training Centre (NTC) in California and C Coy to the British Army Training Unit Suffield (BATUS). The balance of the year included company, PCF and adventure training.

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MCpl Gallant catching that last taste of breakfast.



MCpl Byrne getting used to hiws newly acquired transport, an NTC Hummer.



I'm waiting until I see the whites of their eyes.

A Coy Desert Rats

A Coy deployed to the US National Training Center at Ft. Irwin, California to participate as OPFOR for rotation 91-12 (7-21 Sep 91). Once on the ground, the first week was spent acclimatizing to the hot, dry desert air, drawing and checking our required stores, and by actually doing some work-up training in the hills around the base. We also found some time to enjoy the camps amenities such as the Leaders Club, Pool, Weight Rooms, Theatre, and Burger King.

During our rotation, the Soviet-styled OPFOR, based on the 177 Armd Bde (Heavy) and augmented with C Coy of the Royal Highland Fusiliers from Scotland, a US Inf Coy, ourselves, and an Engr Coy was pitted against the 1st Bde of the 5th Inf Div (Op Desert Storm veterans).

A Coy's first mission of the rotation was to occupy high ground and conduct low level guerilla-type night ops to harass, confuse, and delay enemy forces. This mission was accomplished with zeal and was excellent training. Three platoon in the north destroyed an enemy airmobile operation, killing the battalion commander, 40 soldiers and several Huey's and Hummers. Two platoon in Porta-Pottie Waddie found themselves in the middle of the war when a section was chased by five M2 Bradley's. They also conducted a brilliant night attack, taking out a Military Intelligence (MI) platoon and opening a large gap in enemy defence before the friendly armoured advance.



Pte Nohavicka ready for the final assault.

One platoon at John Wayne Pass had life easier as they did not have enemy on top of them. The last night a hastily organized tank hunting patrol crept to within spitting distance of sleeping M1 and M2 crews before sending them to their deaths.

Our return to base saw many celebrations and back-slapping for a job well-done. The CQ staff set a new record by returning all signed out material in four hours. Lastly, it was off to San Diego and Los Angeles for two days of R and R prior to our return to wet, cold Winnipeg, and the embraces of wives and girlfriends.

All having been said, A Coy showed the US Army that we Patricias are a professional, highly competent force, capable of adapting to any task or climate. They would love to see us in the desert again.

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I know what they are – I bought them..



Keep up the good work!



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Fait mon jour.

B Company - News From the Boys in Blue

B Company has had an active year, each platoon took part in the Battalion patrol competition, 6 Platoon coming third and 5 Platoon coming in fourth. Just prior to departing on the annual "trek" to Wainwright, we lost Corporal Marquardt, our clerk, to the ICER mission in Kuwait. He is now back with another medal on his chest and full of war stories about the intense heat and the lack



Anyone can visit in the summer.

of in-theatre entertainment.

The Company was put through its paces during Exercise Lethal Strike in Wainwright. From the platoon patrol competition, to company airmobile assault, to full scale combat team assaults, all live, we did it all and did it well.

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Following summer leave, those that were not on tasking went to Minaki, Ontario for a week of adventure training. Climbing, rappelling, canoeing and death sliding were done by all. Many fears were overcome, except Private McDonald's fear of "cliff climbing, glassy-eyed snakes", which caused him to leave the rock face halfway up! The week was topped off with an improvised rafting competition, which saw the rebirth of the S.S. Minnow and the Kon-tiki.

The Fall had Bravo Company running the Driver Track Course for the Battalion. All those not instructing were loaded on courses. Private Young topped the Recce Patrolman Course and Private Smith topped the Basic Communication Course. Well done!

The company spirit was high and put to the test during the Commander 1 CBG's Inspection. Bravo Company was given a task of crowd controlling; something we have not done in recent memory. Using newly arrived riot gear, and with only several hours of briefings and rehearsals, we successfully defended Kapyong Barracks against a mob of petrol bomb throwing Tuxedo Unruly Residents (or TURDs).



I bet it snows tomorrow.



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B Company versus the "TURDS".



"Hey, did you guys see the size of that gopher?"



The End!

C Company - Medicine Man 6

During the fall, C Coy 2PPCLI had the opportunity to conduct live fire attacks with the 17/21st Lancers from Britain, Medicine man 6, better known to most as BATUS, had the company advancing to contact through the badlands of Suffield, dodging gopher holes and herds of antelope as they engaged elements of the 82nd Motor Rifle Division.

Upon its arrival in Suffield, C Coy began a rigorous six days of company work-up training going over company SOPS, mech drills and generally trying not to smash their heads as they dismounted from the carriers.

The soldiers were now ready to leave the now familiar surroundings of Camp Crowfoot and start the bulk of their training. The day began with the zeroing of company weapons and a short, but very interesting familiarization and shoot with the British SA 80 assault rifle. After a supper of IMPs topped off with the ever present and tasty Suffield dust, C Coy deployed to their night leaguer to await the next day's training, EX. MUSK-RAT which was three section size ranges. Range #1 was a Soviet trench clearing range followed by range #2, a position in the defense and finally range #3, a battle indoc range. The only casualty was a British safety vehicle which caught a ricochet and received some new air-conditioning compliments of 7 Pl.



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MCpl Smith prepares for the assault.



Change of Colours Parade Practice...



Pte Ricker: "Ready for Battle."



Pte Burkner: "Until I have had my coffee, Don't Bug Me!"



Rappel Training Spring 91

EX. BALD EAGLE consisted of section, platoon and company size mechanized attacks orientated on safety to ensure all such aspects were worked out before moving on

to the larger more demanding combat team and battle group attacks.

Charlie Company moved on without delay to EX. PORCUPINE which found the platoons leapfrogging down one of many valleys or coulees, as they are commonly called in Suffield, taking turns clearing dug-in enemy positions, crossing minefield gaps, and attacking villages and seemingly endless trench systems. This was also an opportunity for the pioneers to do their part by clearing lanes in minefields and blowing wire obstacles with the Bangalore torpedo.

In short, C Coy went, conquered and returned home full of knowledge and experience from some of the best training the army has to offer.

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C Company preparing for battle.



I said, "Go for the Flag".



Where's the snow?



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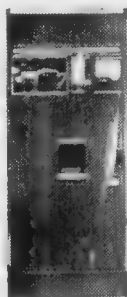
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Administration Company

The soldiers of Admin Coy were again among the most travelled in the battalion, with MRTs, cooks and MAs participating in almost every aspect of training.

Trying to maintain some degree of control on these deployments is the new 2 i/c, Capt Mal Bruce. (If this is Tuesday, then we have medics in California, mechanics in Suffield and cooks in . . .). MWO Ted Ruck is back to battalion life as CSM after a tour with CFOCS and Maj John McComber finally departed the sunny Middle East to take over as OC from the departing Maj Steve Bryan. CQMS Randy Bonds provides the continuity. The "new team" had its first shake-out on EX POISON DART in September. (OK, Capt Toes, next time we move C/S 8 we'll tell all the duty officers!)

Maintenance Platoon continued to provide the battalion with high levels of equipment serviceability and kept 9'er smiling with outstanding results in back-to-back ATIs. ETQMS Brian Rogers has firmly established himself in his new job, with the maint hanger being officially redesignated "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood".

The forever-RQMS, MWO Larry Dawson, has been given yet another young QM to train. Capt Paul Young escaped from 1 Svc Bn to join 2PPCLI in July. The thrills of daily dealings with an air-based second line support organization has kept the platoon busy and amused.

Transport Platoon is also "under new management" with WO Chris White (airborne!!!) demonstrating to the troops that they don't really need trucks to cover long distances . . . just combat boots. Having a rugby playing TO hasn't helped them either. The Platoon is hoping that Lt. Eric Liebert's impending marriage will help to slow him down.

"Doc" Kelly Brett joined the ranks of the UMS in July. His Infantry Indoctrination is being provided by the MAs and his hockey indoctrination is being personally handled by the CO.

It has been a busy year for the company, but it has been a good one.



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Concerning training activities, the cadets participated in three weekend field exercises, one being with the Arty Corps in Kenora, Ont. During these weekend exercises, the cadets learned how to patrol, make shelters, and operate and maintain field and radio equipment. 2PPCLI ran rappel training for the cadets in two phases; first, was the ground school and tower followed by rock rappelling in Minaki, Ontario. We finished up the year with a C7 introduction shoot in May snow storm conditions and a

BBQ in June at the local water slide park.

The Corps came away this year with an armload of achievements; C/WO Tworek won both the Strathcona Trust Medal (for physical fitness) as well as the Man League's Trophy for the Top Army Cadet Shot; C/Sgt Orcutt won the Legion's Cadet Medal of Excellence (citizenship); the corps itself won the Association's Trophy for the Most Proficient PPCLI Cdt Corps, the Thompson Memorial Trophy (top Army corps over 40 in strength), Top Army Cdt Band MB/NW Ont, and the rifle team won most of the provincial competitions.

The Corps could not have achieved such a successful training year without the support of President John Mitchell and the rest of the St. James Kiwanis, and LCol Lapeyre and all ranks of 2PPCLI who assisted and supported the Corps as much as was possible. Thank you for helping us achieve another great year. Acer Acerpori - As the Maple So the Sampling.



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A Year In The Life of 3 PPCLI

1991 was a challenging and successful training year for 3 PPCLI. Our Battalion took part in a wide variety of activities ranging from Internal Security training to live-fire combat team attacks. The year was also a busy one ceremonially with our July 1st activities. The Command-

ing Officer's PT program has indeed made us the "Fittest Infantry Battalion in Canada", and the Battalion's showing at the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition and victory in the Hamilton Gault Competition proves that our marksmanship training is second to none. Read on and share "A Year in the Life of Canada's Premier Infantry Battalion - Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian



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Ex Strong Contender

Once again, the Brigade sports teams concentrated in Calgary during the first week of February to maintain that healthy spirit of competition so necessary to military excellence.

The Ice Hockey Team faced archrivals 2 PPCLI in the finals. Much to the chagrin of the Rebels, our team was able to win the Gold Medal for the second straight year.

The Broomball Team battled its way to the finals once again but came up just short against the Service Battalion and was awarded the Silver Medal.

The Floor Hockey and Volleyball Teams acquitted themselves well pushing the opposition to the wall in all their games.

All in all, the Battalion's sportsmen returned to Victoria with a very satisfied feeling of accomplishment.



Ex Pacific Titan

The Battalion's planned winter excursion to the Chilcotin in January was cancelled due to...RIGHT - LACK OF FUNDS!! We searched fervently for snow on Vancouver Island, HA!HA!HA! We made the best of the situation and conducted a five day Battalion exercise in the brutal terrain of our local rain forest. The Ex involved patrol training, and offensive operations culminating in a Battalion attack. Even though our snowshoes kept getting caught on the ferns, the Ex was effective in reinforcing basic soldier skills, and practising proper battle procedure.



Battalion Ski School

Since the snow wouldn't come to us, we decided to go to it, and conducted a battalion ski school at Mt Washington. The soldiers enjoyed three days of downhill/X-country skiing, and those of us from back east felt closer to home surrounded by the white stuff.

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PCF Cycle

The latter part of February and most of March were consumed by our first of two annual PCF cycles. We conducted Trade Qualification Level Four courses in the following: Recce Patrolman; Basic Mortarman; Basic Communicator; Driver AVGP; Driver Wheeled; Basic TOW; Basic Pioneer; and Machine Gunner. These courses require long hours of preparation, instruction, and testing by junior officers, junior and senior NCMs. The majority of these courses took place in and around the Victoria area. However, the Machine Gunner and Basic Mortarman Courses deployed to Yakima Firing Centre in Washington State to conduct the live fire portion of the training.

All courses were successful in producing well-trained soldiers ready to take on the specialist positions that they had worked so hard to learn. Bravo Zulu to all course staffs for a job well done!

Pre-Wainwright Preparation

Patrol training in the rain forest of Vancouver Island occupied the soldiers' hearts, minds, and feet for the last week of March and first week of April. The remainder of April was taken up by pre-Wainwright preparation. Many activities took place during this time, but the most trying

was convincing the families that it was absolutely necessary to Canadian security for us to deploy to Alberta for five weeks! The deployment took place between 17 and 26 April.

Brigade Small Arms Competition

From 22 to 28 April, the 3 PPCLI Small Arms Team (SAT) put their marksmanship skills to the test against members of the other Brigade units. The SAT swept nearly all major trophies in the rifle category and the Light Machine Gun (C9) events. This entitled them to go on to represent 1 CBG at the CF Small Arms Competition in the summer. In the pistol category, the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian) were the victors.

For the second year in a row, 3 PPCLI Mortar Platoon did an excellent job conducting the competition. Congrats and thanks to the 81mm crew!

Brigade TOW Concentration

The TOW Concentration ran concurrently with the Small Arms Competition and the results were very similar. 2 PPCLI did a very good job organizing and conducting the shoot, but unfortunately the weather did not cooperate. 3 PPCLI Anti-Armour Platoon won both the AFV Recognition and Tracking portions of the competition for the second consecutive year. The live-fire portion of the concentration was postponed when the typical Wainwright April snow hit. When the shoot took place later in the summer, many valuable lessons were learned and the Anti-Armour Platoon achieved a good shake-out. Both the Small Arms and TOW Competitions once again demonstrated that 3 PPCLI is the Unit to beat in the Army of the West.





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stressed high intensity offensive operations, and served to reinforce the cooperation of all units within the Brigade. Upon conclusion of this Ex, the clean-up and redeployment began in earnest. 3 PPCLI returned to Victoria by the end of May, happy to be out of purgatory and back in paradise!

Exercise Lethal Strike

3 PPCLI was complete on the ground and living in Tent City, Wainwright by 27 April. The fun then began! The first two days were given to the Coys to practice PI/ Coy mounted drills. These two days served as a good introduction for some and a good refresher for others to joys of mechanized operations!

Ex Prairie Shield was the next item on the agenda and it consisted of combined arms training. The four days of training involved each Rifle Coy working closely with its affiliated Tank Sqn. Drills and SOPs were established for the advance to contact, obstacle breaching, hasty and deliberate attacks, and hide occupations.

The busiest and most exciting period of the exercise occurred between 8 and 18 May. During this period, the Coys rotated through three exercises. Ex Silent Warrior was a PI Patrol Competition which afforded PI Commanders an excellent opportunity to lead their PI through a live fire fighting patrol. Ex Rotary Strike consisted of live fire Coy airmobile operations. Airmobile ops always quicken the heart rate of even veteran soldiers, and operating on a Coy level was exhilarating. It is not very often that a soldier or a commander gets to participate in a live fire combat team attack, but we all had a chance to do this during Ex Prairie Charge. The dry work-up training had done a good job of preparing us and the effectiveness of the combined arms firing was not lost on anyone.

Ex Lethal Strike concluded with a five day Brigade Field Training Exercise called Ex Noble Ram. This Ex

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Ex Summer Sun

Upon return from Wainwright, the Battalion turned its full attention to ceremonial activities. The remainder of June was spent preparing for Exercise Summer Sun which took place on Canada Day weekend. It involved two Freedom of the City parades, a Sunset Ceremony, and an Open House. Many dignitaries honoured the Battalion with their presence including: The Colonel in Chief, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL; the present Colonel of the Regiment, Major-General H.C. Pitts, MC, CD; Major-General C.B. Ware, DSO, CD (retd) and Brigadier-General R.S. Graham, CD (retd).

On the mornings of June 30th and July 1st, 3 PPCLI exercised its right to the Freedom of the Municipality of Esquimalt and the City of Victoria. The evening of June 30th witnessed 3 PPCLI performing the Canada Day 1991 Sunset Ceremony on the lawn of the Legislature Buildings. This ceremony included the beating of retreat by the 3 PPCLI drum line; band performances by the Naden Band and the Regimental Pipes and Drums of the Canadian Scottish Regiment; a precision drill display by 3 PPCLI soldiers and the playing of the Evening Hymn. The Sunset Ceremony concluded with the lowering of the National Flag and the playing of "O Canada" and "God Save the Queen."

After the Freedom of the City parade on July 1st, the Battalion hosted an Open House at Work Point Barracks. The main aim of the day was to educate the public about our unit and heighten our profile in the community. The show included numerous static displays and a mini tattoo. The entertainment segment of the day included another performance by the 3 PPCLI Corps of Drums; a dazzling display of over 100 drill movements executed on only one word of command by WO Clarke's Precision Drill Team; an obstacle course demonstration/competition (Point of Interest: Capt Dave Corbould broke his wrist while rehearsing for this!); bayonet and pugil training demonstration; and an unarmed Combat display. The show climaxed with a mock platoon attack by 1 Platoon. The attack involved AVGP's, rappelling from a Huey onto the kitchen roof, rappelling down the men's quarters and a full out assault across the parade square to rid Work Point of a



gang leather clad hooligans.

Exercise Summer Sun was an unqualified success in all aspects, and earned the soldiers some well-deserved block leave to recharge the batteries and spend some quality time with their families. While the majority of the Battalion went on leave for three weeks, the 3 PPCLI SAT travelled to Ottawa to participate in the CF Small Arms Competition as part of the 1 CBG Team.

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Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition (CFSAC)

3 PPCLI formed the backbone of the 1 CBG SAT when they travelled to Ottawa in July. After settling in and acclimatizing, the competition began on 28 July. Without getting into the nuts and bolts of the shooting itself, suffice it to say that 1 CBG handily won the aggregate trophies for results in C&, C9 (Light Machine Gun) team of Cpl Nielsen and Pte Walker easily took first place in that weapon category with Pte Nesbitt winning best rookie shooter.

The LDSH(RC) Pistol Team, competing alongside 3 PPCLI as part of the 1 Brigade Team, came a close second in their competition.

The 3 PPCLI Rifle Team was the highlight of the competition, winning the much revered Letson Trophy. This victory is the most prestigious of the competition and also entitles 3 PPCLI to form the nucleus of the Canadian Forces Team for the Bisley Rifle Competition in 1992. The other awards won by the team are too numerous to mention here. However, one deserves special mention and that is the Des Burke Award. This honour is awarded annually to the shooter who displays not only excellent marksmanship, but also excellent attitude and cooperation with other firers. This year Cpl Steve Wills deservedly



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Ex Rugged Warrior

The Battalion returned from block leave and jumped into training with both feet (not to mention arms, backs, heads, and other parts of the human anatomy that many of us didn't even know existed!).

Ex Rugged Warrior consisted of Basic Mount Operations and unarmed combat training. The Basic Mountain Ops Course involved seven days of intensive training during which candidates were exposed to various mountaineering procedures ranging from mountain walking techniques to difficult mountain casualty evacuations. The unarmed combat training focused on basic skills, with a view to setting a foundation upon which to teach more advanced skills. While the short, five day programme did not create a Battalion of Bruce Lees, it did serve to create a sense of aggression, alertness and confidence within the soldiers.

Terry Fox Run

On Friday, September 13th, 3 PPCLI ran the Terry Fox Run as a formed body through the streets of Esquimalt. Upon completion of the run, LCol Kenward presented a cheque for \$1,000.00 to the Terry Fox Foundation. The CO then addressed the Battalion, expressing his admiration for Terry Fox and the importance of cancer research. LCol Kenward emphasized that although Terry Fox was not a soldier, he epitomized the qualities of a soldier, he should have courage, determination, stamina, and a belief in self-sacrifice for the benefit of others.

Ex Poison Dart

The first week of October saw the execution of Ex Poison Dart, a Brigade level Command Post Exercise (CPX) held in the Sarcee training area of CFB Calgary. Most officers and many non-commissioned members of 3 PPCLI participated. In general, the Ex served its purpose of shaking out the Battalion CP in the "war over the radio." In the end, the "good guys" triumphed and many valuable lessons were learned.



Ex Lethal Crack

With the PCF Cycle complete and Battalion HQ operating like a finely tuned machine, we turned out attention to confirming the more basic soldier skills of marksmanship and battle fitness. Ex Lethal Crack consisted of the Personal Weapons Test and the Battle Fitness Test.

The PWT and BFT were conducted in Coy groups both in Nanaimo and in Esquimalt. As always the weather cooperated and remained consistent throughout - RAIN! The scores attained on the PWT were higher than last year and were once again high enough to win the Hamilton Gault Trophy for marksmanship. This was the first year for conducting the new BFT consisting of a 13 km march with rucksack on the first day in 2 hrs, 26 min and a 16 km march the second day without rucksack. The Battalion standard for the second day is 2 hrs, considerably higher than the Brigade directed standard.

Ex Quick Otter

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to wade in the ocean during October, or trek through Vancouver Island deadfall in pitch black conditions, then just ask the soldiers of B and C Coys and Recce and Pioneer Platoons of 3 PPCLI. Adverse conditions were the norm during and amphibious exercise aptly entitled "Quick Otter."

The Ex took place from 28 October to 1 November on the southern portion of the Island. The troops embarked the HMCS Qu'Appelle in Esquimalt and travelled to the desolate coastline of Port Renfrew where they disembarked the Qu'Appelle and boarded two landing craft belonging to the US 144th Transport Battalion. These vessels ferried the troops "almost" all the way to shore, where they disembarked to conduct their dismounted attacks on four objectives.

The second phase of the operation consisted of a three hour 'roller coaster' ride in the landing crafts down the coast to Jordan River. Further attacks on objectives in that area ended the exercise.



Despite the conditions, all felt the joint training between the US and Canadian navies and 3 PPCLI was invaluable. 3 PPCLI is the only Canadian Infantry Battalion that conducts

Refresher Training/Remembrance Day

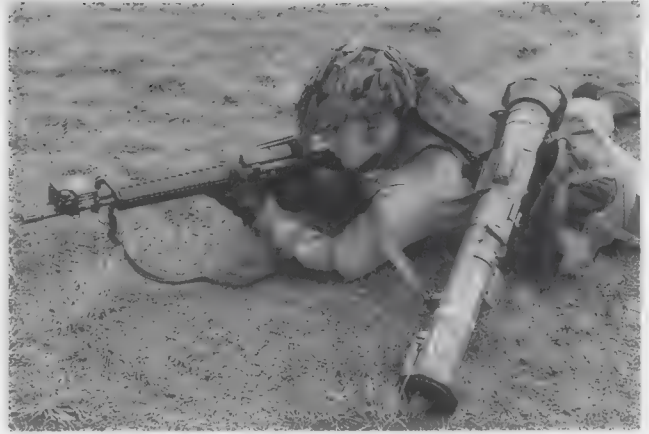
The first week of November was set aside for refresher training, and most Coys used the time to conduct an exercise of some sort involving Internal Security Operations.

Remembrance Day dawned cloudy and dismal in Victoria, a fitting weather situation for the purpose of the day. 3 PPCLI began the day with its own ceremony on the parade square, and then sent a contingent to each of the Victoria and Esquimalt parades. The day passed sombrely and our comrades of yesteryear who gave their lives so that we may enjoy our freedom were remembered.

Ex Razor Thrust

On the day following Remembrance Day, 3 PPCLI deployed to Fort Lewis, Washington to conduct Ex Razor Thrust. The Ex was a Battle School in which the Combat Support Coy Platoons ran a series of live fire ranges through which the Rifle Coys rotated. The ranges included paris fire and movement, section attack, platoon attack, jungle lane, the tirehouse (live fire FIBUA) and crew-served weapons. Also included was dry FIBUA training in the mock town of Regenbug, rappel training, coy airmobile operations, training in the anti-armour and the indirect fire simulators, and demolitions training with Special Forces. I was indeed a busy nine days with much coordination and cooperation required. A common remark at the daily coord conference was "Oh! There was an instruction on that?"

All in all, the Battle School was very effective in developing the soldiers' confidence in their weapons and in exercising commanders at all levels.



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Ex Quick Reaction

The period 9-13 December witnessed our annual Ex Quick Reaction. This consists of a series of military-orientated competitions including the advance fitness test, the strongman competition, the obstacle course, and the military skills competition. This years winners were:

- Advance Fitness - A Coy
- Obstacle Course - 7 Pl C Coy
- Strongman - B Coy
- Military Skills - 6 Pl B Coy

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A Coy with Recce Pl and Pnr Pl got a taste of the Great White North as they deployed to Hall Beach, NWT for a sovereignty exercise from 6-16 December. The temperatures ranged from -78 to -60 degrees Celsius! However, our men made it through with the help of the Canadian Rangers.

Our soldiers built their first igloos and half of 2 Pl "volunteered" to spend the night in these northern "condos", courtesy of their Pl Commander. The remainder of the Ex was spent practising Section and Platoon battle drills, and the training culminated in a live fire

section attack. Extreme conditions hampered more extensive training.

Xmas Activities

We wound up the year with our traditional CO-NCO, and CO-Officer runs, the Officer-NCO and Pte/Cpl-MCpl hockey games, and the men's Xmas dinner. The lines were inspected on the morning of the 19th, the leave passes were distributed, and Work Point Barracks was virtually empty by noon. The soldiers were off for well deserved leave to prepare for another year.

Summary

It is hard to believe how much we are able to fit into 365 days. There have been many collective achievements, both on personal and collective levels, not the least of which is making new friends and acquaintances and working together as a team. There were, to be sure, times during the past year when some have wondered if it is worth it being a soldier. But looking back at how far we have come, how much we have grown, and how effective an infantry battalion we are now, those doubts vanish. We are left with a feeling of satisfaction and pride at having

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experienced the hardships, survived, and learned. We are looking forward to 1992 to carry on this tradition of striving for perfection.

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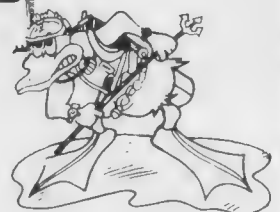
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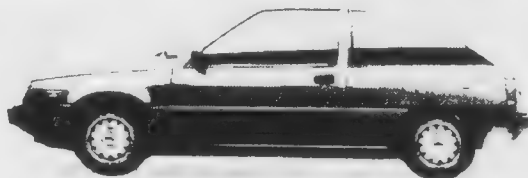


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2 Commando Sitrep

2 CDO Sitrep

The new year started off with a bang as 2 Cdo leaped into the crisp Wainwright air on Ex Burma Rig. Accompanying us were members of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and the New Westminster Regiment jump platoons for their annual contact training. In spite of fair winds, the landings were not soft and some troopers crashed through the trees at the end of DZ Saville farm. The injury rate was higher than expected. Even with a complete malfunction, thankfully, no one was seriously hurt. Soldiering on through injuries and accepting casualties is all part of being a jumper. The DZ was quickly cleared and the Ex was underway. Burma Rig was designed to practice raids and ambushes at platoon and Commando level. Both the Regular and Militia soldiers shouldered the load and made Burma Rig an excellent training ex.

The General Adams Competition is an annual affair designed to give the platoons of the Regiment a chance to compete in skill at arms and marching. This year it was adapted to cross country skiing of the ever faithful "bangee boards". Across 15kms of well worn trails and through a bitter wind, 2 Commando's platoons charged

unabashed and unashamed. Unfortunately our times weren't faster than other teams but we still hold that our graceful style should have won us more points. We'll get them next year.

After General Adams came General Crabbe who decided that 2 Cdo should once again display their skiing prowess and gave us the task of skiing 13 kms to the rifle ranges and conducting a live shoot as part of his Brigade Commanders Inspection. Once again on the blazing pine boards we took to the trails. Unfortunately the day warmed up considerably and the heavy snow took its toll on the skis. Several pairs were broken in the mad dash but we succeeded in getting everyone out to the ranges to complete the inspection.

Not much can be said about Ex Pegasus Blizzard which was the next task for the Cdo. Unfortunately bad weather turned the Regiment back twice over DZ Anzio after name of the earth flights and the scheduled short insertion was a "no go". the Commando, never to be denied a bit of fun, enjoyed the hospitality of CFB Trenton before boarding the buses for home.

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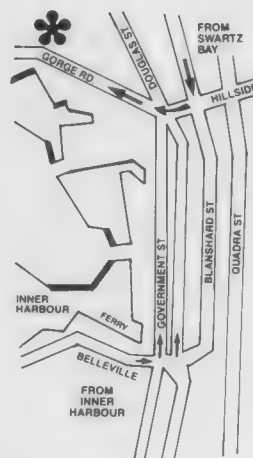
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2 CDO on deployment



2 CDO Hockey Team after winning the Regimental Competition.

April was a time for Commando training. Two exercises took up the majority of the month. The first was Ex Rebel Hunter. A helicopter/patrol week which pitted platoon against platoon. The mission was to find and destroy the other platoon patrol base and capture their flag. The ex started with a helicopter insertion. Each platoon had three lifts by a Chinook. The troops were dropped with assault boats and all equipment into the water. The troops made their way to the boats, mounted up and made their way to the platoon RVs. Once ashore, the platoons made their way to their assigned objective. the exercise was a great success. Planning and execution was challenged to the limit. The young soldiers were given the opportunity to conduct reces and were providing vital information to their platoon CPs. At the end two platoons found and destroyed their enemy. Each platoon then secured a DZ and was extracted by Hueys. The exercise proved to be a challenge to all. Good lessons and skills were learned by all. It was a good shake out for the Commandos upcoming mission during the Regimental and Brigade exercises.

The other major deployment took the Commando to Connaught Ranges for a week of shooting. Work-ups were done and the week ended by each soldier completing his annual PWT. The days were long and the nights longer. Recreation runs were conducted to take soldiers to Ottawa for a night on the town. The trips to Ottawa proved to be a good morale booster for all. We managed to escape Connaught with only one major incident. But at least the drivers on the highway one night have a better knowledge of the anatomy of a certain Airborne soldier. The month of April was a good build up for the next few weeks. And now on to May.

The month of May for 2 Commando started with an early morning Quick Rig (Bug Out). This was to be the start of Ex Thunderbolt. An all arms SSF ex. Within two days the skies over Meaford, Ontario were filled with the silk of 2 Commando soldiers. The mission was to destroy a drug cartel operating a drug shipping port on the coast of the Georgian Bay. From the DZ RV the fighting elements of the Commando were to infiltrate to a Commando link up ten miles away. Most elements encountered heavy resistance along the way, easily destroying anything in their paths. The link-up was successful and it was time to prepare a plan to assault the objective. The attack was conducted at night after a detailed recce of the objective which took two days. At 0120 hrs the objective was secured and the Commando moved at first light to an extraction point. With the conquer of Meaford under our belts we headed back to Petawawa for Phase II, a Regimental Battle School. The Battle School was designed to train platoons in small unit Airborne tactics. The stands consisted of an assault on a soviet position, day and night stalking exercise, section attacks and a platoon raid. Once phase II was over, the Commando was to jump in, secure points and open routes for the remainder of the Brigade. 2 Commando was tasked to infiltrate and prepare a water crossing point for 1 RCR and the RCD. The exercise overall had gone very well. A lot of lessons were learned and it proved to be a good shake out for the Commando. Once again 2 Commando proved our reputation as the "Backbone of the SSF". This exercise quickly brought an end to May as we headed into a busy June.

The first part of June saw the Commando deployed to mountain school. A week of basic mountaineering gave each soldier his Basic Mountain OSQ. The culmination of training was a Commando mission which had the Commando conduct an amphibious mountain raid on an objective.

The remainder of June had the Commando preparing for a summer Regimental Battle School. This battle school was in the form of a competition. The competition consisted of two parts. Part 1 was a march and shoot, military skills competition and the second was a sports day. The Commando's performance earned them once again the top Commando in the Regiment.



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July, for most of the Commando was used for a well deserved period of block leave. For those that did not take advantage of leave, they were preparing for CAC 91, a patrol stand for LFCA militia units.

On returning from block leave at the end of July, the Commando set to the task of assisting their total force brethren in CAC 91. In so doing, all members in the unit were intimately involved in conveying skills of patrolling. In retrospect, the event ran quite well thanks to the efforts of all ranks involved, particularly MCPL Parolin whose presence alone established him as Chief Intimidator.

One event which provided a clear focus for the Fall Training period was the receipt of the Warning order for OP Python. The possibility of deploying to the Western Sahara as part of a United Nations contingent forced the Commando to look at some varied and interesting training such as control of entry points, cordons and searches, vehicle check points, refugee control and the operation of Repatriation Centres. Training on personal and crew served weapons was given and

continued at a more rigorous pace culminating in a variety of ranges including pairs fire and movement, jungle lanes and section live fire.



The month of September and October training period was put to the test in Ex Pegasus Bleuets in Bagotville, Que.

Despite a slow start, due to being stop dropped on deployment, the exercise moved quite quickly throughout. The Commando raced to its first objective and seized the bridge in tact, almost without a hitch. Our second mission involved a Commando Fighting patrol to seize a well defended radar installation. Needless to say, the Commando seized the objective despite the preparedness of the enemy and one unfortunate

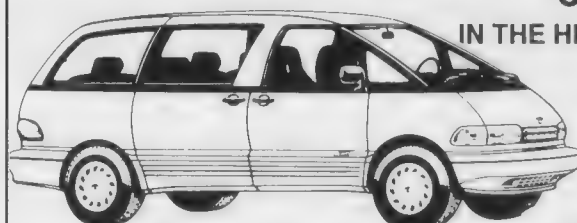
detonation of an elsie mine (oops). In the remaining thirty-six hours of the exercise, the unit occupied itself with the joint tasks of refugee control and the manning of repatriation centres. The highlight of this affair had to be the unconfirmed Elvis sighting at the Repatriation Centre. He was drinking a 7-11 slurpee. All in all, a good exercise.

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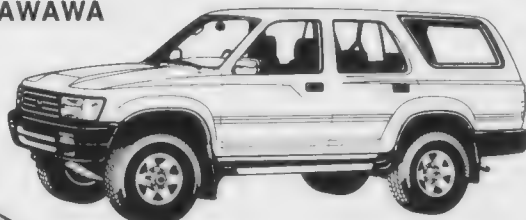
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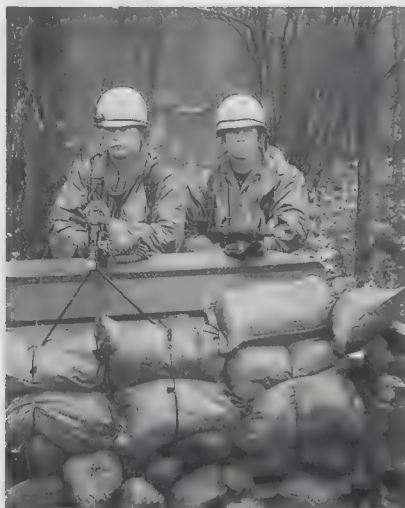
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November was also a cruel yet busy month with a variety of activities including a shotgun range, grenade assault range, MILES training, rappelling and demolitions training. The better part of the month, however, was

dedicated to preparing for the General Adams competition which included a 10 mile forced march, TOETS, first aid, NBCW, knots and lashings, Navigation, and AFV. When the final results of the competition were in, the Commando again fared extremely well earning a second and fifth place finish among the platoons in the Regiment.

December was the usual pre-Christmas wind-down. The Mens' Christmas dinner was the highlight of the month. The meal was exceptional and the festivities short (what more could you ask for). Following the mens' Christmas dinner the Regiment was dismissed for a well deserved Christmas leave. Most troops disappeared from Petawawa, returning home to loved ones.

All in all, 2 Commando has had another successful year. Hard and challenging training filled most days. The moral of the Commando remains at the highest of standard. Despite the disappointment of not deploying to the Western Sahara as of yet, there still lies many challenges ahead for 2 Commando in the New Year. Until next this is 2 Commando signing off with ... Fair Winds and Soft Landings.

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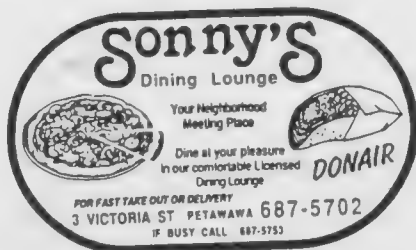
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Canadian Airborne Centre

Another busy year has passed and CABC continues to train personnel in parachute related activities for the Canadian Airborne Regiment. Patricia's provide many personnel in the CABC cadre. In HQ the Regiment is represented by the CO, LCol Nette, and the RSM, CWO Stevens. Para Trg Coy has the OC Maj Gotthardt, Sgt's Taylor, Toupin, Janfield, Meier, McLean and Bolen. Aerial Delivery has Sgt Kaiser, while Airborne Trials is represented by the OC, Maj Stevenson, MWO Jacquard and WO Topham. WO Estey holds the reigns in the CFPT "Sky Hawks".

During the summer we said farewell to Sgt Maxwell, on posting to 2 PPCLI. CWO Collier was posted to LFWA as the Area RSM, while Capt Chris Smith retired after almost 36 years service. Capt Ed Haverstock is the RSSO with the LER (4 PPCLI).

In 1991 CABC conducted 15 Basic Para Courses, qualifying almost 500 parachutists. We also qualified about 60 Jumpmasters, 20 Military Freefall Parachutists and 17 Mountain Operations Instructors. Aerial Delivery Training Company continues to qualify Packer/Riggers,

UEO (this course is to be replaced by the Hel Ops Course in the near future) and DZ, LZ, EZ Controllers. They also provide the bulk of the support for TAL School courses. Airborne Trials has continued to test all para related equipment, specifically improvements to SARPELS (Single Action Release Personal Equipment Lowering System), airdrop the lapes of the BV 206, and a new Vector II pilot chute for CT-3 MFP assembly. The Sky Hawks, again, had a very successful 20th Anniversary season. they thrilled thousands all over Canada and the U.S.

1992 promises to be another successful year for CABC, in any case it will be busy. The Regiment may rest assured that the Regimental traditions are being upheld at CABC.

Front Row - CWO Stevens, Maj Stevenson, LCol Nette, Maj Gotthardt, MWO Jacquard

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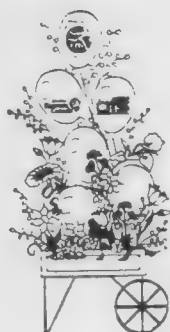
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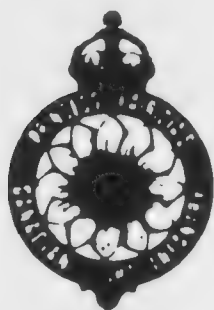
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Change of Command July 1991, (L to R) LCol W.J.H. Stutt, Lady Patricia, BGen W.B. Vernon, LCol M.M. Fenrick.



The PPCLI Battle School

by Major R.A. Duncan, Captain A. Turco, MWO G. George, Sgt J.W. Hooyer

During the past year, many historical events and changes have taken place here at the Battle School. Our mission remains unchanged in principle, in light of the new shape our Armed Forces is taking, which is to provide the Regiment and indeed the Army with capable soldiers and junior leaders.

Lieutenant-Colonel Fenrich has assumed command from Lieutenant-Colonel Stutt, while CWO Komadina continues as RSM for his eighth or ninth consecutive year. Promotions once again added to the NCO's gift coffers and we congratulate WOs Batchelor and Thurston and Sgts Breustedt, Cameron and Sparrow on their new and

well-deserved rank. Santa Claus arrived ahead of schedule on December 18th with gifts for CWO Earl Pryce (and a posting this APS) and WO Joe Casey. In September, history was made, as the School ceased to be part of 1 CBG and came under command LFWA. We eagerly await, our right shoulder bare, for our LFWA patch.

Recruit Company

This past year was once again a busy one for Recruit Company. We graduated 257 new Patricias for the Regiment. Major R.A. Duncan was cross-posted to Leadership Company after a two year stint at the helm, and replaced by Captain Sean "Been-it" Wyatt. Instructors posted out this year include WO Westacott to RSS Calgary, Sgt Harris to CTC, Sgt Crone to 2nd Bn, Sgt Schmidt to 3rd Bn and Sgt Adair to 2 CDO. Posted into CQ Stores and awarded the keys to Margueriteville were WO Don Hoffart and MCpl Carmen Jeffery.

The Battle School's guest book is a veritable "who's who" and Recruit Coy played a key role during each visit. Most memorable of all the visits was Lady Patricia's presence at the Change of Command Parade in July. Equally rewarding were two visits by the Colonel of the Regiment. Other distinguished visitors included the MND, the CDS, Comd FMC, Comd LFWA, Comd 1 CBG, and General Mikhail Moiseyev, the Soviet Chief of the General Staff. The latter observed an impressive FIBUA demonstration, courtesy of Somme Pl, with technical assistance provided by "Westacott and McBeth FX Inc." who still owe the Battle School for the bridge and building they destroyed.



To ensure quality, the instructor-to-student ration is 8:1 (L to R) MND, Comd FMC, PA to Comd FMC, CO BSL, Lt Liebert (2 PPCLI), RSM BSL. (Background) Maj Davies, BGen Vernon.



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Maj W. Mills, MC, CD presents the Most Improved Candidate Award to Pte Boon SG, The Gully Platoon.



A figure at 300m is similar to this shot glass. MWO George and CWO Komadina.



"...so then I said to the Premier, get into the Dacha and don't come out until the Revolution is over."

Over the past three years, the Edmonton Branch of the PPCLI Association has had a standing invitation to send one of its members to participate in each recruit graduation parade. During the parade, the representative of the Old Guard presents the Most Improved Candidate Award and has an opportunity to meet with the newest Patricias. It is a very rewarding day for all generations of Patricias and all ranks of the Battle School extend their gratitude to each member of the Old Guard who took the time to spend a day and share their memories with us.

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Kapyong	Pte Laviolette J	Pte Barber LD	Pte Ross JJ	Pte Pike DM
Gothic Lane	Pte Sinclair JS	Pte Hermiston KR	Pte Butler SA	Pte Prodonick K
The Gully	Pte Wood MR	Pte Hudon OJ	Pte Brake GCC	Pte Boon SG
Rimini Line	Pte Gole RJ	Pte McGinness D	Pte Gole RJ	Pte Wilson JP



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Rappel Master Course 9101. Sgt Annand, "Just another day at the office."



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Now, where did I put that @#>+=< cap?*

Leadership Company

Leadership Coy has carried on with a plethora of taskings this past year. Our primary mission remains unchanged - the training of qualified junior NCOs for the Regular Army and Militia. New taskings and coursed have made it a busy year.

A full summer loading of Militia CLC and ISCC were successful and proved the worth of integrating Regular and Militia instructors. Also, centralization at the Battle School for this type of training has proven its merit and we anticipate increased taskings in 1992.

Major Duncan, the new OC and Captain Fitzgerald as 2IC, transferred in from Recruit Company to join the CSM, MWO Anderson, the CQ, WO Alexander, and

MCpl Schultz, the company storeman. In addition, the company expanded its permanent instructional cadre, with transfers from within the School and postings in. New faces to the School and Leadership are WO Comeau, Sgt Casey, Sgt Gill from 1 PPCLI, WO Cameron and Sgt Stepsys from 2 PPCLI, Sgt Bradley from 3 PPCLI, and MCpl Elmes, Snow and Weatherbie from 2 CDO.

The Rappel Master Course was run in September, with modifications made to course loading and standardization. It proved to be a success, with 12 candidates surviving the final exercise of rapid insertion and over tree rappelling. This is a change from previous courses, but does provide a more professional challenge to the students.



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"Up two, three...down in the snow fourteen, fifteen, sixteen..."

The fall leadership courses are now at an end. We completed another six courses of JLC, CLC and ISCC, and are preparing for Christmas and the New Year schedule. The 1992 training year will be extremely busy. Our normal load of nine Regular junior NCO courses are planned, with a further eight Militia CLC and ISCC's. We also have our normal bill of Rappel Master courses. A new tasking for the company is the Basic Sniper Course, scheduled for September 1992. We have already commenced planning and training of staff for this challenging course, with our first two instructors, Sgts Brunelle and Jure, returning recently from the basic course at CTC.

HQ and Trg Sp Coy

The company has gone through a variety of changes in personnel and tasks in the past year. We still continue to support the training platoons which totalled 6 x QL3, 3 x JLC, 3 x CLC, 3 x ISCC, AWWIC, Rappel Master, Unarmed Cbt Instr, 3 x CLC(M), 2 x ISCC(M) and to the Brigade Patrol Competition and Umpire School. The company has once again been renamed from Adm Company to its present title. Captain (Maximum Tone) Turco, the outgoing OC, has replaced Captain Wyatt (OC Rct) as the Adjutant. Captain Wilson, the new OC has been busily revitalizing several of the Battle School Facilities. WO Smith has replaced WO Laurenson as the CSM.

The turnover of Training Coord went well, as could be expected between "Mr. Battle School" WO Thurston and Sgt "ease into it" Trenholm. Neither one of these infamous Battle School personalities are known for their diplomacy. Sgt Trenholm can be quoted as saying "all else is quiet at the pulse of the Battle School", unless of course, WO Thurston returns to vindicate himself. In which case there may be a shoot out at the Mad Dog Hotel.

For the past year QM has been busy meeting the needs of the Battle School. Cpl Merritt has left us to become a master technician of the 1065 Xerox photocopier in Training Resources. Cpl Sheppard has arrived

from the 1st battalion to take his place. Over the past year QM has issued over 33,540 meals or 34.5 tons of rations consumed by trainees, as well as issuing over 2.5 million rounds of ammunition.

Training Resources has been put through its paces in the past year. Sgt Downing has left the Battle School for wider fairways and larger greens at CFB Kingston and was replaced by Sgt Hooyer as the Training Resources NCO. Pte Olson has gone to Tpt to recuperate and heal from his year in training resources. He is the recipient of several life-threatening paper cuts.

Holding Platoon was employed during Silent Warrior and by a Range Control during hunting season to ride shotgun. Holding Platoon has had as many as 54 people recovering from injuries and as few as nine. Control of the platoon has gone from Sgt Humphrey to Sgt Brunelle, and finally to Sgt Baker, who should check the sentry huts and free his troops.

Over the past year Tpt and its drivers have travelled to the moon. They have logged over 312,000 kms transporting troops and/or supplies for the various courses and tasks that were conducted in the Battle School. Sgt Kingston has replaced Sgt Watson as Tpt NCO. MCpl Dadswell has retired and been replaced as the dispatcher by MCpl Wendover.

Field Training has been busy supporting not only Battle School courses, but Militia training, as well as some assistance provided to the British units. Between Sgts Green, Breustedt and McBeth, they have used 5,610 lbs of plastic explosives and used 3,840 litres of gas for battle simulation. One of their primary tasks was to remove the WO Westacott Type 9 Wire Obstacle (1,000 kg of assorted wire) from the obstacle crossing range. A week well spent.

The Battle School Orderly Room has experienced change just like the remainder of the company. MCpls Porter and Rollie have both been posted; in their places are two new faces: Cpl Henriksson from CFB Kingston, and Cpl Lessard from 430 Tac Valcartier. Now that the initial culture shock is over, our two new arrivals are settling in nicely to their jobs. The Orderly Room is running with ease, although it seems Sgt MacDonald spends endless hours at mess meetings. Morale is boosted daily by playing a condensed version of Trivial Pursuit with the Adjutant, who oddly enough seems to know all the answers.

HQ and Trg Sp Coy played a large part in conducting refresher training for Battle School Staff. The QMSI, MWO Pryce, was the primary coordinator for the training which consisted of TOET's, NBCW, First Aid, PWT, 2 x 10 milers and PT Test Part 1.



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Extra Regimentally Employed

United Nations Iraq/Kuwait Observer Mission – Op Record – 2 PPCLI

The seven following Patricias were tasked to do the duties:

MCpl Fraser P.W. - IC RP/Internal Security
Cpl Fischer S.F. - RP/Internal Security
Cpl Head S.R. - RP/Internal Security
Cpl Marquardt D.J. - Regimental Orderly Rm.
Pte Vega A.F. - RP/Internal Security
Pte Cullen J.W. - Unit Medical Section
Pte Black D.B. - RP/Internal Security

April 29, 1991 - Seven members of the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry flew overseas to augment 1 Combat Engineer Regiment under Major Isabelle, attached to the United Nations Iraq/Kuwait Observer Mission (CCUNIKOM).

Although the war in the Gulf "unofficially" ceased fire, upon fulfillment of the UN Resolutions, the job of the Canadians had just begun.

1 CER's mission to UNIKOM was to install the UN OP's and patrol track along a 250 km D.M.Z. (most of which was inside the Iraq border) and to clear the D.M.Z. patrol track of Coalition and Iraqi mines and ordnance for the UNMO's (one of which is our LCol M.G. McKeown, MMM, CD).





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Along with the above duties the Patricia's were invited along with 1 CER E.O.D. teams to assist and learn and carry out other Engineer taskings.

Even though the Patricia's were no strangers to the Middle East (all members having served in UNFICYP and one member in UNDOF) many unique opportunities were experienced; beginning with the vast abundance of dangers left by the war were the unimaginable amounts of new generation mines left behind by both coalition and Iraqi forces, as well as the massive amounts of unused ordnance left from the many abandoned Iraqi (Soviet) armoured vehicles. Not forgetting the large population of scorpions (the living kind), camel spiders and a wide variety of vipers.

Most of the Soviet armoured equipment only seen in

refresher training during battalion AFV classes was examined. As well, a variety of Soviet small arms, machine guns, rocket launchers and grenades were tested.

Then there was the much publicized Kuwait oil well fires in the north east and in the South which blotted out the midday sun for the first 3-4 months of the tour.

All these led to unique experiences readily and energetically absorbed by the Patricias.

Finally, our thanks and gratitude is extended to the men and officers of 1 CER for including us as one of their own and involving the Patricias in their many taskings. Much respect was gained by working hand in hand with the Engineers and many friends made.

By Private J.W. Cullen



A father and son jump recently occurred at the Canadian Airborne Centre, CFB Edmonton. At the conclusion of Basic Para Course 9116/17 (1) Pte Eddie Bootle of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, and (r) WO Fred Bootle 1 PPCLI completed a parachute descent onto DZ BUXTON 12 November. Well done to both. AIRBORNE!

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Patricias North

I left you in this position.....The Regiment continues to maintain its grip on Northern Region, just as the cold continues to hold us in its grip. The normal posting scramble resulted in several departures:

BGen Gollner got tired of the cold so he decided to become a gentleman of leisure on Vancouver Island.

Capt Cruickshank headed down to Kamloops on RSS with RM Rang so that his moustache could grow better in the warm climate.

WO Soucie with a promotion got a company in 3 PPCLI.

Sgt White was heartbroken without WO Soucie so he followed him down to Esquimalt, even volunteered to be in the same company.

Fortunately those gaps were filled by equally talented members of the Regimental family:



BGen Gollner, thanks Lady Patricia for her kind words at his retirement dinner.



Sgt Brian White acts serious for the first time in his life as BGen Gollner introduces him to Lady Patricia.

BGen Victor Pergat is the new Commander, having once served as the Bn Maint O in the First and Second Battalions.

Capt John Bagnall finally has a real job in Regional Ops, having idled away three years of his life behind the tasking desk in Bde HQ.

Capt Jon Gri from the First Battalion took over the Cadet shop from Capt Pippolo, who slid across to the Ranger side.

WO Reg Laurenson, having done every job in the Battle School, is the Ranger WO.

Sgt Brian Magas got tired of living out of a rucksack in 2 CDO, so he now flits about effortlessly on a snowmobile as a Ranger Instructor.

Maj Bob Boettger, the senior adm weenie, joined us from Damascus. In a previous life, he spent a whole bunch of years as an infantry officer in the Third Battalion.

The first Regimental "do" of the year was a small but tasteful gathering on March 17th when we hosted the other members of the Headquarters. The guest of note was Burt Albert Owen Lee, Regimental number 21204, circa 1924.

The high point of the year was the visit by our Colonel in Chief in July. Lady Patricia thoroughly enjoyed her time in Yellowknife and Whitehorse, meeting quite a number of Patricias and members of the Rac-Edzo Army Cadet Corps, which is affiliated with the First Battalion. During a formal dinner, Lady Patricia paid tribute to Gen Gollner's many years of service to the Regiment and Canada as a "soldier's soldier".

The low point of the year was the departure of Gen and Christine Gollner into retirement on 8 Aug. Gen Gollner's last memory of Yellowknife is having to struggle aboard his aircraft, clutching a large bouquet of balloons and a huge banner, all thoughtfully presented to him by his officers just as he hit the boarding steps. It was too late to refuse.

The year ended with the affiliation of the Hall Beach Army Cadet Corps with 3 PPCLI. The affiliation was flawlessly coordinated by Maj Makulowich who just happened to be in the area with the rest of A Company.

The ravens are multiplying, the permafrost heads even deeper, we finally have moved into our new Headquarters (complete with smoked glass windows - we can see them but they can't see us), so again till next year.....CUSTOS BOREALIS.
By Major M. Bezilny, CD

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The only time you will see CWO Simpson without both feet on the ground.



Sgt Paul Wiseman dragging another reluctant student through morning P.T.



Capt Mike Annis receives an FMC commendation from Col Looper, Commander CFB Chilliwack.

Chilliwack Patricias

Suddenly the warm rains are gone, only to be replaced by cold ones. But it's not really that bad. We don't have to shovel it and North America's best skiing is easily accessible, so if we want snow we drive to it.

Do you like to hunt? Do you like to fish? Enjoy camping? I could have sworn I'd had this same conversation with the recruiter. But the Career Manager was right. It is beautiful here and there is no finer area for rugged outdoor pursuits.

Most of the Patricias at CFB Chilliwack are employed at CFOCS but an equitable talent-sharing scheme has been worked out with the "other" organizations. Firstly, the base side is certainly familiar with the red and white flash as LCol Wayne Dehnke is currently serving as the BAdmO. He has become a well-known face around town as a result of his heading up of the base's 50th Anniversary celebrations. Apparently the word got out after our own 75th that the Patricias know how to throw a good bash! We hope we will see many former Fraser Valley Patricias at the celebrations in early April.

At the School of Military Engineering the Patricia flavour is being spread by Capt Barry Bartlett, WO Ken



LCol Dehnke presenting the CFOCS Forced March Competition Trophy.

Zack and Sgt Patterson. Meanwhile at the Officer Candidate School ten vicious Patricias are helping ease the pain and minimize the shock of military indoctrination for the future Officer Corps. They include Capts Mike Annis and Steve Borland, MWO John McGregor, WO Monty LaMotte, Sgts Gord Charlebois, Ward Haacke, Pete Leger, Paul Wiseman and Cpl Frank Smith. Of particular interest to Patricias everywhere is CWO E.C. Simpson. The epitome of the Patricia soldier, RSM Simpson will retire to the Calgary area in June of 1992. We wish him the best of luck.

Please don't be strangers, drop by and see us sometime. We can always find you a fishing pole but bring your own rain gear.

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Rear Row: Capt Keegan, Capt Sears, WO Millman, WO Gorman, Maj Morneau, Maj McGee, and Capt Vida. **seated:** LCol Bewick, CWO Collier. **missing:** Capt Stefanuk.



Patricia's at Land Force Western Area Headquarters

It is time once again for another transmission from the newest Patricia ERE out-station. In our last episode we left you with the small Implementation Cell in an office building near the Edmonton Municipal Airport.

Well, it is now one year later and there have been numerous changes to both staff and locations.

In July of this year the HQ moved into the old Hamilton Gault Elementary School (how appropriate!). On September 14 the Assumption of Command Parade was held and on the 15th, LFWA HQ assumed its responsibilities in a somewhat accelerated fashion.

The HQ has seen a substantial increase in the number of Patricia's posted in this summer. LCol Bill Bewick and Major Mike Morneau are still here. Capt Gerry Vida,

Maj Jack McGee, WO Rick Millman, WO Dave Gorman, Capt F.J. Keegan, CWO Collier and your narrator have all had the good fortune of being posted in. In the last episode, Capt Warren Stefanuk had retired in 1990 to start a new civilian career in Saskatoon. It was a short civilian career as he is now in LFWA HQ on Class B. Welcome back!

MWO Bud Fisher enjoyed a short tour here as well only to retire in the fall of this year. We wish him the best of luck.

To those of you serving in LFWA, relax and trust us, for the answers and decisions that you are waiting for - they are in the mail! VP!

By Capt R.D. Sears

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Saskatchewan District Patricias

Greetings to the rest of the Regiment from those of us serving on the windy plains of Canada's "heart land"! 1991 was a busy year which saw some significant changes to the Patricia presence in Saskatchewan. With the implementation of Land Force Western Area and the creation of a Total Force District HQ in the province, this past year has seen a modest increase in the size of our contingent as well as some changes to personnel. Fear not intrepid readers, the Regiment continues to be well represented throughout the vast hinterland that is Saskatchewan!

As the majority of "Saskatchewan Patricias" are directly employed in the Militia support role, increasing emphasis on the Total Force Concept resulted in a very busy past year for all ranks. Assisting in the planning and execution of progressive training for the North Saskatchewan Regiment and the Royal Regina Rifles ensured an active spring period for the Regular Support Staffs of those units. This was followed by a hectic summer training programme at MTC Dundurn which involved not only our own personnel, but also a large increment staff provided by the three Battalions of the Regiment. Of particular note was the strong Patricia instructor presence in support of Exercise Bold Eagle II. This highly successful trial programme saw the summer training of two Saskatchewan Native Recruit Platoons to reserve QL3 Infantry standards.

Concurrent with MILCON 91 came the annual posting season, and some new faces in the province. Welcomed into the Saskatchewan fold were Capt Mark Campbell, Capt Chris Barr, Capt Dave Vernon and MCpl Martin Rancourt. Cpl Greg Sloane left the N Sask R to join Second Battalion in Winnipeg, and all ranks wish him well in his endeavours there. A final summer not worthy of mention was the well deserved promotion of MCpl Tony Whithall to the rank of Sgt on 01 July. Did anyone in Saskatchewan see him without a drill cane in his hands after 01 July?!? (We think he sleeps with it.)

Naturally, the pace increased again in the fall as folks settled into their new jobs and the revised Saskatchewan District HQ got itself up and running. All ranks attended an RSS Range Practice in September, where even Capt Vernon managed to qualify (with a little help from his friends in the butts?). Late November saw a small but determined band of Saskatchewan Patricias brave the winter roads on a quick trip to CABC Edmonton for some casual parachuting, and before we knew it, Christmas was upon us. Needless to say, all survived the countless "festive gatherings" and once again upheld the fine reputation of the Regiment. It was a dirty job, but....

With the new year upon us, 1992 is shaping up to be another busy year for those of us here in Saskatchewan. Plans are well under way for a local celebration of the Regimental Birthday in March, and work has begun on what promised to be one of the busiest summer training cycles at MTC Dundurn in recent years.

As we were unable to submit a photo of our small but erstwhile group this year (technical difficulties), the least we can do is tell you who is serving in Saskatchewan these days. Bear in mind that in addition to our serving ERE Patricias, there are many ex-serving members active in the Militia as well as a healthy Regimental Association here in the province. In any event, the 1991 "Saskatchewan Patricias" were as follows:

Saskatchewan District Headquarters Regina

Capt Mark Campbell - G3 Ops

North Saskatchewan Regiment

Capt Chris Barr - RSSO (Saskatoon)
MWO Bill Brown - RSS Trg MWO (Saskatoon)
Sgt Les Leighton - RSS Trg NCO (Prince Albert)
MCpl Martin Rancourt - RSS Trg MCpl (Saskatoon)

Royal Regina Rifles

Capt Dave Vernon - RSSO
WO George Gerhart - RSS Trg WO
Sgt Tony Whittall - RSS Sp NCO

Recruiting Centre Regina

Sgt Stephen Campbell - Mobile Recruiter

AIRCOM Det Regina

WO Jim Clare - Area Cadet Officer (Land)

Now that you know who and where we are, be sure to drop in some time and say hello as you're passing through. If you remember to bring your mosquito repellent in the summer and your "bangee boards" in the winter you'll have a great time! Think about it...flat windswept prairie, the occasional tornado, blinding snowstorms, eight-month subarctic winters, endless farm reports...if the Third Battalion guys can learn to love it here, so can you! Until next year, VP.

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The PPCLI Memorial Cairn in its new location at Lansdowne Park Ottawa, 11 November 1991.

Ottawa Area Patricias

1991 was a year of particular challenge for the Canadian Forces, from Operation Friction, through to UNIKOM, and the announcement of a new defence policy. It was also a year in which the Ottawa Area Patricia's played a number of roles.

Certainly, the preeminent, and most visible Patricia throughout the year was General de Chastelain who, as the CDS, led a strong and broad-based Regimental presence in the nation's capital. The CDS was supported in the higher echelons of NDHQ by Major-General's Reay and Sharpe who, prior to their summer postings, were the Chief of Land Doctrine and Operations (CLDO) and the Chief Operational Planning and Force Development (COPFD) respectively. However, Regimental involvement was not limited to Ottawa alone; Lieutenant-Colonel Glenn Nordick left DLOTR to join CANFORME Headquarters in Bahrain and, later, Lieutenant-Colonel Mike McKeown left DLR and joined UNIKOM in Kuwait. Both have since returned to Ottawa.

Since the posting season, the prime function of most NDHQ staffs has been the execution of the new defence policy. Lieutenant-General Foster, newly appointed as ADM (Per), is guiding the considerable and sensitive changes to personnel policy. Another key element of the new defence policy is a renewed emphasis on equipment and here too Patricia's are active. For example, several Regimental officers, led by Lieutenant-Colonel Al Johnston,

are performing both project direction and project management function for a number of training and simulation projects. These projects are noteworthy as they promise to greatly demonstrate the value of Technical Staff training to the Regiment. Patricia's are also playing an increasingly influential role in equipment acquisition. In the DLR 5 (Infantry Equipment Section), four of the six staff officers working for Lieutenant-Colonel Pierre Lachapelle are Patricias.

In addition to these tasks, Ottawa Patricias continue to perform a wide variety of functions throughout all branches of NDHQ. As reported last year, there is also a large Regimental presence in the local RSS staff, including the Ceremonial Guard, at the CF Language School, and at the Land Engineering and Test Establishment.

The last half of the year has seen a rejuvenation of Regimental bonds in the region. Social function have been well attended, and a close relationship with the local branch of the PPCLI Association is being maintained. In September, we had an unfortunate incident involving the PPCLI Memorial Cairn, located at Lansdowne Park. The Cairn was unceremoniously uprooted and moved during renovations to the Civic Centre. All of this was done without consultation with the Regiment. Quick action by Brigadier-General (Retd) Snider alerted city officials to the fact that there is an active and vocal Regimental representation here in Ottawa. Civic officials returned the Memorial to its proper place in a prompt and safe manner, just in time for our annual Remembrance Day service.

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Ottawa Area Patricia's

Remembrance Day Photo – 11 Nov. 91

Ottawa Patricias will have another excellent opportunity to strengthen the Regimental ties with Ottawa in 1992. On 9 May, the Hamilton Gault Memorial Statue will be unveiled in Confederation Park, near the National Cenotaph,

and directly across the Rideau Canal from NDHQ. This memorial to both our Founder, and the Regiment, will occupy a prominent place in the heart of the city.
By Capt M.J. Parker



Front Row left to right, RSM Cooke, LCol Nordick, Col Bremner, BGen Vernon, LGen Foster, MGen Reay. left to right, Col Almstrom, LCol Lachapelle, LCol McKeown, CSM Reiben; second row left to right, Maj Whiting, Capt Parker, Capt Brink, Cpl Pokorski, Sgt Schuurhuis, Sgt Spence, Capt Mackie, Capt Ascah, LCol McLean; rear row left to right, Capt Gagnon, Capt Jerome, LCol Romses, Maj Romses, Maj Fraser, LCol Anderson, Maj Plouffe, LCol Johnson, Cpl Reid, Capt Fredrickson, WO Turbide; missing, Gen de Chastelain, LCol McDiarmid, LCol Montgomery, Maj Beggs, Maj Dillon, Maj Franklin, Maj Honig, Maj Jensen, Maj Lewis, Maj McLaughlin, Maj Parent, Maj Peterson, Capt Fouts, Capt Catton, Capt Karbowiak, Capt Metaxas, Capt Plumton, Capt Raz, CWO Smiley, MWO Woodley.

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Royal Military College

The following letter was received by Regimental Headquarters via a clandestine message network:

"Good morning, Lewis. Your job should you decide to accept it is to infiltrate into the Royal Military College at Kingston. Your mission is to mould the minds of those young crimson tide Officer Cadets who might have Regimental aspirations. You should also be aware that this posting is your just reward for all of those years of tasteless RMC jokes and 'ring-knocker bashing'. As always, regardless of whether or not you are discovered, we will continue to deny your existence. This tape will self-destruct."

So what could I do? With no more pay incentives and no IPS offer, there was but little alternative. The hand of 'The Regiment' had reached out and grabbed my mere mortal ROTP body. I, the infidel from a prominent civilian university in Eastern Canada, had been chosen. Unfortunately, since my taped orders had all but vanished in a cloud of smoke (burned my damn hand too!), there remained no physical evidence of my covert mission to Kingston.

For two extremely arduous years, I skilfully and tactfully managed to infiltrate the hallowed halls of the "old eighteen". From a vantage point situated above the Massey Library, I was able to observe their sinister college rituals. In passing and infrequent conversations with 'the unsuspecting', I managed to maintain a strict facade. For all they knew, I was one of them. I had learned to speak their language fluently - for only one of the "buds" could surely have known about such school colloquialisms as the "stoned frigit", RMC "Ridmin" (the college equivalent to the Leafs), CMC, CMR and the CBC (although for some reason when I mentioned these terms they were received by rather puzzled facial expressions). In my daily endeavours, I had managed to deceive the general college populace into believing that I was a Post Graduate student in the War Studies Department. The guise has succeeded, little did anyone suspect that I was an 'outsider'.

Only on one occasion was the security of my mission nearly compromised. By happenstance an unsuspecting and rather aged looking (meaning: his body bore the scars of many poor aircraft exits and rather sloppy parachute landing falls) Patricia LCol in a size small "RANGER" t-shirt sauntered into the college weightroom. Although these visits occurred infrequently, I do believe that he may have been somewhat intimidated by my own extra-large 'black and gold'. Regardless, his untimely posting overseas negated the possible threat to my exposure.

To further convince the sceptics, I actually attended the Spring Convocation as a Graduate. In addition (much to my own surprise), I had joined the Ex-Cadet Club (which goes to show the lengths that one must endure to maintain the aim!) - the non-believers had been silenced. I was in.

The next step was to further infiltrate the college infrastructure. But where to? With a copy of Sydney Frost's 'Once a Patricia' and Jack English's 'On Infantry' in hand, I stalked MacKenzie Building. Through the combined process of Special Forces target analysis and deductive reasoning, I had reached the bold, but somewhat obvious conclusion: the only Patricia Officer at RMC should reside in the Commandant's Office. Damn, it was occupied! Upon further reflection, I then decided that perhaps a less conspicuous place to hang my beret was in order. The MLM Department. It was perfect - Military Leadership and Management, who would suspect me, of all people teaching "leadership". I even managed to obtain the Departmental answer to the question: "What do you know about leadership?" Answer: "Everything!" (For those of you distinguished gentlemen on your way to the promotion boards, that's LEWIS, B.E.). OOOppps! Transmission time too long...must leave. Should there be the interim requirement for contact, please call 1-800-RMC-BUDS (the voice scrambler is on. Entry access code is two taps of the ol' college ring.)

By Captain B.E. Lewis, CD

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Royal Roads Military College



Corporal K. Vandenberg Retires.



Front row, left to right, MWO P. Scott (former Patricia, now with Royal Westminster Regiment); Captain L. Palhazi, CFRC Vancouver; CWO L.L. Schultz, B.C. District Headquarters; Captain D. Millwater, RSSO; MWO J. Rozon, B.C. District Headquarters; **back row, left to right,** WO A. Day, RSS Staff at Royal Westminster Regiment; Sgt D. Dersch (former Patricia, now with B.C. District Headquarters); MCpl D. Contini, RSS; **missing,** Captain D. Parker, CFRC Vancouver; Sgt C. Murray, CFRC Vancouver; MCpl G. Firlott, RSS.

On 14 November the Commandant of Royal Roads Military College, Colonel V.M. Caines said farewell to Corporal K. Vandenberg on the occasion of his retirement from the Canadian Forces following thirty-three years of service. Corporal Vandenberg joined the Canadian Forces on 2 December 1958 and while serving as a member of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, saw service in all three Battalions, Germany and Cyprus (two tours). The last ten years of his career has been spent at RRMCC where he has been an invaluable member of the College's

Boatshed staff. Through his artistry in wood and metal crafting, Corporal Vandenberg has made a lasting contribution to the College. Ken plans to reside in the Victoria area and the members of the Regiment wish him well for the future.

Left to Right - MWO V.J. Woolley, College Sergeant-Major; Cpl K. Vandenberg; Col V.M. Caines, Commandant RRMCC; and Capt C.R. King, 2 Squadron Commander

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Quebec Area Patricias

Mobile Command Headquarters

Bonjour tout le monde, ici une petite transmission de la Belle Province. We have seen another year pass and with it some changes in the rank and file of Quebec region Patricias. For the lucky, a posting to the west; for the rest of us more penance to be paid. However, be content that the FMCHQ Patricias are the "Good hands people" and we are looking after the Army...

This year saw the handover of the Army from the Patricias to the Armour Corps with LGen Foster moving to Ottawa to take over as ADM PER, followed by Col Almstrom. Maj Thompson went to Winterpeg as DCO 2 PPCLI and Capt Dunn was sent to the Sunshine Coast - 3 PPCLI. The small volume of outgoing moves was more than offset by a considerable barrage of incoming talent to assist in the maintenance of the welfare of FMC. MGen Reay has assumed the duties of DComd FMC and his linebacker BGen Vernon is the new COS OPS. LCols Kennedy and Lockyer are the new "SSOs Two" (Ops and Trg Dev respectively). Maj Corry has returned from Ft Benning and is now the SO2 Op Trg Coord. Capts Ferraby and Ferguson are the (relatively) young blood as SO3 Inf AB and SO3 DC respectively. Maj Parker and Capt Drew are in loc as previously tasked APS 90 as SO2 Inf Trg and SO3 Inf Plans.

Regimental luncheons are still in vogue, with the Western gentlemen gathering in the St-Hubert Officers Mess. The Annual East-West Football game saw the Patricias pitted against an almost RCR team (reinforced btl gp). After a long and cold game the West came out on the bottom - next year there will be a catching clinic for all senior officers. This event was wrapped up with a well received flow of cold beer, compliments of the Patricias.

RSS Montreal - "Hey Guys, Don't Forget Us by Capt S. Folkins

The isle of Montreal was the scene of some "serious" RSS handover this summer. After two years with the Royal Montreal Regiment, Capt Matt MacDonald and Heather high-tailed it for the foothills of Alberta and 1 PPCLI. The reins were left for Capt Steve Folkins. The initial stage of the handover consisted of "Welcome aboard. Here's your office. How's your French? I'm outta here!"

Naturally, the follow-up was a phone call from the Army of the West, "and you thought burn out syndrome applied only to those in high-profile jobs. Have they devoured your 2 i/c yet?"

The scenario at the Black Watch was different but with

similar results. Capt Pat Weir left his better half behind in Victoria to tackle Montreal alone. He arrived at his new post to find that his predecessor had already left. After spending a year with the kilted militia regiment, Capt John Ferraby "jumped" at the position of SO3 Infantry (Airborne) at FMC. These days it's not hard to locate SSO Dist 1; he's usually over at the Black Watch consoling Pat.

Life in Secteur de l'Est (Milice) has not been without the usual complications of budget cuts, cancelled exercises, and restricted mandays. On top of that, changes and adjustments are in the wind with the establishment of Secteur de l'Est de la Force Terrestre. For the Patricias of RSS Montreal, it means only one thing: business as usual, supplemented by frequent liaison to reminisce of past exercises in Wainwright, the Home Station, and to reassure themselves that we won't be forgotten.

French Language Training by Capt P. Tyrrell

Do you really think you're at the sharp end in a Battalion? Do you really think you're living in the fast lane in 2 Cdo? Obviously, you've never been posted to this place...this thing they call the Continuous French Course. This really takes the "gateau"! The stress, the endless hours of hardship...it's absolutely gruelling!

As always the Regiment is being well represented on the course. In Montreal there is Capt Tyrrell and Valcartier Maj Fisher, WO Ogden, Sgt Charchuk, MCpl Hinkey and Cpl Daniels. Also in St-Jean, Sgt Desjardins and MCpl Marshall are waving the western flag as instructors at the "école de langue" and "école de recrues" respectively. (Quebec may never be the same!).

Obviously with so few Patricias at each of these schools the number of Regimental activities are relatively limited. Nonetheless, the Regimental spirit and pride lives on in all of us. As the French language students are forced to endure the hardships of the course (e.g. apple picking in Rougemont, rallies in the Metro, and numerous other gruelling and demanding social cultural activities), we really do look forward to our returning to Regimental duty. Although we are not soldiering this year - at least we all dream about it.

All kidding aside - the course is a rewarding and enjoyable experience and the opportunity to live and work in Quebec is an interesting change.

À bientôt des Patricias au Québec.
By Capt J. Ferraby

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Patricia Christmas Luncheon in Quebec



Left to right, LCol Lockyer, Capt Folkins, LCol Kennedy, Capt Tyrell, Maj Corry; absent, MGen Reay (Ottawa), Maj Parker (Fly Valcartier), Capt Drew (crippled, recovering from knee surgery) and Capt Weir (camping in Valcartier)

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French Grey Battalion

FRENCH GREY BATTALION CFB GAGETOWN



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CFRS Cornwallis



Left to right, "Weapons Dynasty" MCpl Boutilier, MCpl Caudle, Sgt Wood, Sgt George, Sgt Weber, Sgt Wheatley.

Amidst the CF personnel cuts, we at CFRS have been severely effected, our total staff numbers are to drop from approximately 130 to 70. This in turn means the loss of many Patricias, we the remaining would like to take this opportunity to wish all posted personnel the best of luck on their new postings. We are also losing our SCWO, the best wishes in any and all future endeavours go with CWO Stevens RG, who is retiring from the Forces after 37 years of loyal and dedicated service in the QOR of C and PPCLI.

All is not doom and gloom, for we can look forward to staying busy with a reduced staff and hopefully re-establishing in a couple of years. Also, the price of lobster is down.

Regimentally, there has been a Patricia family get together and plans for another are in the mill. There is also a strong possibility that a number of us may have the opportunity to invade CTC and take part in March 17th celebrations with the French Grey Bn. The following Patricias are presently serving at CFRS:

CWO Stevens RG	Sgt Wood LT
MWO Miles DR	MCpl Boutilier DJ
WO Douglas RH	MCpl Caudle TE
WO MacDonald HJ	MCpl Davidson IG
Sgt Corscadden TJ	MCpl MacDonald DW
Sgt George HG	MCpl Noseworthy SA
Sgt Weber LP	MCpl Williams GL
Sgt Wheatley RA	MCpl Sandford LE

There are also a goodly number of ex-Patricias who have remustered or retired and reside in the area; always nice to talk with old acquaintances like Newfie Best.

There are now six Patricias serving in Training Support Company as weapons instructors. We believe we were posted here to raise and maintain the standard as only a Patricia has been trained to do. Of these six positions, four are instructing in classrooms, one is in overall comd of the cadre and the other is his 2 I/C. Now that the Patricias are in complete control, we can ensure that the recruits are trained the right way (the Patricia way). We have all decided that if they are trained the right way at the beginning, they will have a firm foundation to build the rest of their careers on. There is one more Patricia in TS Coy and he is the Coy Comd. Now the rest of the Regiment can sleep soundly at night knowing that the Patricias in the east have "dug in and are at Weapons Tight" in CFRS Nova Scotia.



2943 Royal Canadian Army Cadets

1991 has been a very successful year for the Campbell River Army Cadet Corp. The Corp started out in January with 21 Cadets and ended the year with 40 Cadets.

Once again this Corp has placed first in BC with regards to the shooting program. We had one Cadet at Bisley, England this year, and one qualified for the 1992 Bisley shoot.

Twenty-four Cadets from the Corp attended summer camps across Canada. In addition, the Corp held nine weekend exercises, culminating with a five-day exercise at Cape Scott, on the northern end of Vancouver Island.

2493 RCACC is very involved with the Duke of Edinburgh award program. All Cadets over the age of 14

are involved with this program. This year we had 3 Cadets receive their Gold Award in October at the Hotel Vancouver by H.R.H. Prince Edward.

In October the Corp started a band, and our new sponsor, the Royal Canadian Legion donated eight drums. Nine members of the corp attended a band course at Nanaimo Military in November.

The final exercise of 1991 was held at Work Point Barracks in December under the direction of our new Cadet Liaison Officer, WO Greg MacNally.

This was an excellent opportunity for the Cadets to get hands-on experience with the equipment, terminology, and techniques of our affiliated unit.



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Colonel Peter Cosgrove's, AM, MC, appointment as Regimental Colonel comes to an end with his promotion to Brigadier and appointment as the Commander of the 6th Brigade. Colonel David Mead has assumed the position of Regimental Colonel as well as being the Commandant of the Infantry Centre at Singleton, New South Wales.

1 RAR

1991 has been a particularly successful year for the First Battalion. The Battalion started the year in the tropical rainforests of Koombooloomba conducting the individual soldier and champion section competitions under very arduous and physically demanding conditions. Later exercises consisted of each rifle company deploying to Land Command Battle School for two weeks of a close country work, Platoon and Company level exercises, air training, APC training and Exercise Shaggy Ridge, a Battalion level amphibious exercise. The year ended as it began, in the field with Exercise Salerno Shrike, an amphibious exercise designed to be a lead up to Exercise Kangaroo 92.

On the sporting field the Battalion continued its winning dominance in 3 Brigade competitions winning the Rugby for the fourth year in a row, and the Australian Rules for the tenth. The Battalion won the Soccer competition and were victorious in the Commander 3rd Brigade Cup, a trophy awarded for shooting, orienteering and cross country running. The Battalion came second in the Duke of Gloucester Cup, a section level competition between the Battalions of the Regiment.

The highlight of the year was the presentation, to 1 RAR, of the US Meritorious Unit Commendation on 4 Jul 91, a much belated recognition of the unit's achievements in South Vietnam, 1965-66, as part of the US 173rd Airborne Brigade. Over 400 veterans including 80 from the USA and 40 from New Zealand watched the Presentation Parade which was a fitting finale to an outstanding reunion week.

2/4 RAR

The Battalion maintained its role as the manoeuvre element of the Operation Deployment Force (ODF) during 1991 and was given the mission of priority ODF Battalion in August 1991.

2/4 RAR unit training focused on this mission starting at basics with section military skills during April. While each company rehearsed Air Mobile Operations with the 5th Aviation Regiment during May and June, the Battalion Headquarters honed their skills in Command Post Proce-

dures. The Battalion Live Fire Exercise in July evaluated individual infantry skills, endurance and weapons handling. Each company participated in a company live fire attack, defence and combined arm operations in the advance using both artillery and armoured support.

In keeping with the Battalion's mission Exercise Maxi Beagle was an air mobile insertion into a jungle area to search and destroy a fictitious insurgent enemy. Close contact, stealth, endurance and jungle discipline were the secrets of success.

The 18th birthday of 2/4 RAR was celebrated on 15 August 1991. The celebrations were marked with ceremonial parade, twilight church service and a formal All Ranks Ball.

C Company in September boarded the HMAS Tobruk for amphibious training.

The Brigade directed exercise in October evaluated the Battalion as part of a group deployment by C130 Hercules. Once deployed, quick response to a Brigade directed task highlighted the adaptability and endurance of Battalion members.

1991 closed with a five power defence arrangement, Exercise Sumon Warrior, in which 2/4 RAR hosted a contingent from the First Battalion Singaporean Infantry Regiment. While the year was very hectic this exercise was the highlight.

2/4 RAR remains ready as the priority Operational Defence Force Battalion and is prepared to meet all the challenges of 1992.

3 RAR

The 3rd Battalion has had a varied year in 1991. The soldiers have as usual performed to their high standard and much has been asked of their patience and endurance. Throughout the year the Battalion has seen a steady influx of reinforcements and the trial of a direct recruiting scheme.

Over the last twelve months the Battalion has had elements deployed to Malaysia and Hawaii, whilst internal training has taken place at such diverse localities as Woomera in South Australia, Tindal in the Northern Territory and Canungra in Queensland. Wherever possible the troops have deployed by parachute, however, the winds have not been as favourable as would have been liked.

As usual "Old Faithful" has done well in the sports



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competitions. Our teams have performed admirably in all sports, by joint premiers in the Rugby Union 4 all draw. Our Pipes and Drums are currently the champions of the Royal Australian Regiment.

The Battalion has been busy streamlining and testing deployment procedures. We now routinely mount short parachute company deployments culminating in a live fire activity.

As the year comes to a close the Battalion is about to launch on Exercise CANOPY TUTOR, short Battalion parachute deployment designed to rehearse both operational aspects and our likely role in next years major activity Exercise KANGAROO 92.

Finally, 3rd Battalion extends our best wishes to PPCLI and hopes the bonds between our two Regiments can be maintained and strengthened in the future.

5/7 RAR

The 1991 training year for 5/7 RAR (Mech) consisted of a number of diverse deployments for the Battalion's soldiers. Although the Battalion conducted no large-scale training exercise, the headquarters and companies all maintained a busy schedule.

Individual and groups of soldiers and officers have travelled to places as diverse as Greece, Crete, Brunei, Malaysia, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Britain and Hawaii to train and attend specialist courses. Field training exercises have tested soldiers and commanders alike. Training throughout Australia, from the harsh environment of Northern Australia to Puckapunyal in southern Victoria, have witnessed low-level contingency operations training exercise.

Small sub-units from within the Battalion have provided extensive support to both military and community activities. Instructional support to Army Reserve soldiers, as well as numerous parades and demonstrations such as the Anzac Day march through the streets of Sydney and the Army's annual firepower demonstration at Puckapunyal have given soldiers the opportunity to show off their skills on a bigger stage. Support to the Royal Easter Show and other smaller activities have helped to maintain a closer relationship with the public. In less happy times, soldiers from 5/7 RAR (Mech) have worked tirelessly and often unpraised assisting victims of Australia's harsh extremes of nature, notably through bushfire and flood relief.

All told 1991 has been quite a hectic year for the men of 5/7 RAR (Mech). Numerous challenges have kept the Battalion on the move, but have achieved worthwhile results.

6 RAR

The year for the 6th Battalion started well with the Battalion ready for the challenges ahead. On the military side there was the Australian Skill-At-Arms meet, the Duke of Gloucester Cup, and the teams to be selected represent the Battalion. Both teams were being selected through a hard and trying process. Finally the teams were picked and off they went to compete. At the end of AASAM 91 the hard work that went into the preparation for the event paid off. The results are as follows:

- a. 1st Major Unit Championships;
- b. 1st Inter District;
- c. 1st Junior MG Rundown;
- d. 1st Section Match;
- e. 1st Team night Shoot; and
- f. 1st Individual Night Shoot.

Next was the duke of Gloucester Cup. The Inter Battalion Military Skills Competition selected the team who was to represent the Battalion at Singleton. Compared to other years, the team had little time to prepare for the competition. The team tackled all obstacles and the results of their hard work are as follows:

- a. 1st Duke of Gloucester Cup;
- b. 1st MacDonald Cup; and
- c. 1st RSM Trophy.

The 25th Anniversary of Long Tan was next. An Open Day followed by a parade saw a large crowd attend the activities. On the Sunday, a Church Service was held for the next of kin and ex-members of the Battalion.

Sports was the Battalion's next problem and all teams putting in their best and once again the Battalion showed its true colours in the Inter Brigade Competition as follows:

- a. 1st A Grade Rugby;
- b. 1st A grade Australian Rules; and
- c. 1st Inter Brigade Swimming Competitions.

In addition, the Battalion has been involved in the Section Structure Trial concluded by A Company at WBTA.



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The Battalion is currently gearing itself for the introduction of the Ready Reserve in 1992.

All in all, this year has been an outstanding success for the Battalion and we are sure that next year with a new CO will be just as challenging.

8/9 RAR

The 8th/9th Battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment commenced 1991 with the deployment of the second training team to Papua New Guinea. Their task was to train approximately 300 soldiers for the PNGDF. The second team deployed on the 20th January 1991 and returned to Australia on the 30th June 1991. The completion of this tour marked the end of the Battalion's current commitment in PNG.

For the remainder of the unit, it was a training year of intense activity with the ever present frustrations of manning and equipment shortages. The training emphasis was focused around section, platoon and sub-unit activities. These activities included numerous live fire practices, the culmination being Exercise OTBO 91. This exercise was conducted in the Shoalwater Bay Training Area and concentrated on platoon and sub-unit live firing advance and attack. This also included APC and heliborne assaults.

August saw the arrival of approximately 100 reinforcements, these soldiers being the successful graduates from the direct recruiting campaign. They were quickly organised into their sections and platoons and were soon in the field with the Battalion for the 6th Brigade Camp. The Camp allowed the Battalion to work at platoon and sub-unit level, building the necessary spirit and team work required for an Infantry unit. The calcination of the camp saw the Battalion conduct a mounted attack; for many of the soldiers this was their first opportunity in this form of operation.

Internationally, the Battalion was very busy. Apart from the AATPT - PNG, the battalion also had a composite Spt/B Company group participate on Exercise PAC BOND in Hawaii. Individual deployments saw Officers and Other Ranks of the Battalion serve in:

- a. Western Shara;
- b. Malaysia; and
- c. United Kingdom.

Overseas visitors have included a company of Americans from Hawaii, a company of Singaporean Guards and two soldiers from the British forces on Exercise LONG

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The Battalion was also active on the parade ground with ceremonial activities. The main attraction during 1991 being:

- a. Long Hai Day;
- b. Anzac Day;
- c. Reformation Parade; and
- d. Battalion Birthday.

On the 6th December 1991 the Battalion will be presented with the CGS Unit Citation from the Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant General H.J. Coates, OA, MBE for service in Papua New Guinea during 1990 and 1991. This will complete another successful year for the Battalion.

In 1992 8/9 RAR will commence conversion to a Ready Reserve Battalion as part of the 6th Brigade. This is a result of a major Australian Defence Force Structure Review which was conducted in 1991. The Ready Reserve concept will see soldiers serving a twelve month full time service period, and a further four years part time service. The Ready Reserve will provide the Battalion another challenge, a challenge the "old dependable" will surely overcome.²²

In Memoriam

212306	Korea		ADAMS J.R.	08 Feb 91	Edmonton, AB
C850516	Korea, RF	Pte	BEAULIEU G.W.	10 Feb 91	Fort Erie, ON
H100267	WWII, Korea	Cpl	BUTLER G.H.	04 Feb 91	Renfrew, ON
	WWII	Pte	BROWN N.C.	29 Mar 91	St. Boniface, MN
	WWII		BOYCHUK T.	8 May 91	Victoria, BC
RF CWO			CONNEL L.	26 Sep 91	Calgary, AB
P20927	WWII,	RF	CRUNDELL F.A.	19 Mar 90	Winnipeg, MN
	Korea		SGT COOK L.T.	25 May 91	Edmonton, AB
SH62272		Pte	DE KELVER F.G.	07 Dec 90	Lillooet, BC
M11246	WWII		DEBOW J.W.	20 Sep 91	Edmonton, AB
H800141	Korea	Pte	DAVID G.	Nov 90	Thunder Bay, ON
SK8538		RF Sgt	DUNBAR J.G.	25 Apr 91	Vancouver, BC
	WWII, Korea, RF	MWO	ENGLAND C.L.	19 Oct 91	Calgary, AB
SH28002	WWII	WO2	FISHER C.J.	24 Feb 91	Angus, ON
H17234	WWII, RF		FULLER F.T.	19 Sep 91	
RF		Capt	GARDNER O	02 Oct 91	Calgary, AB
H16475	WWII	Pte	GOOD W.H.	30 Nov 90	Exshaw, AB
H102371	WWII		HARMER J.E.	10 Dec 91	Winnipeg, MN
M800285	Korea	Pte	HUPPIE R.		Vegreville, AB
SA5756	RF WO		HULETT S.T.	02 Jul 91	Trenton, ON
	WWII		HUTCHINSON E.P.	23 Feb 91	Redwood City, CA
H16004	WWII, RF	Cpl	JACKSON J.L.	15 Nov 90	Banning, CA
H16393	WWII	Cpl	JOHNSTON E.	04 Dec 90	Sudbury, ON
SB80085	Korea	Pte	JORDAN A.C.	14 Feb 91	Cambridge, ON
H17067	WWII		JOHNSTON S.J.	04 May 91	Winnipeg, MN
	WWII, Korea		JOSS J.	09 Oct 91	Winnipeg, MN
			KLEIN A.	24 Feb 91	Regina, SK
	WWII	Cpl	KOLTYLO J.	16 Jan 91	Marathon, ON
SL4585	WWII, Korea	Pte	LAVERDIERE A.	26 Jan 91	Montmartre, SK
	WWII		LUM F.	10 Nov 90	Chase, BC
	WWII, RF		MONTAGNON A.	09 May 91	
	RF		MORTON D.L.	09 Mar 91	Regina, SK
H16100	WWII	Cpl	MARION E.	22 Apr 91	Quyon, PQ
	WWII		MILLER L.E.	04 Aug 91	Whitehorse, YK
SG11744	RF	Pte	MCGRATH J.B.	25 Nov 90	Tracadie, NB
	WWII	Sgt	MARTINDALE L.C.	24 Nov 91	Winnipeg, MN
	WWII		MACDONALD H.A.	16 Apr 91	
H17215	WWII	Cpl	MCKINNON WA	20 Nov 91	Winnipeg, MN
SF35901	WWII, Korea		MILLER H.W.	19 Nov 90	Kennetcook, NS
103033	WWI	Pte	MACMASTER A.	26 Feb 91	Pictou, NS
		Sgt	NIVEN H.	26 Oct 91	Toronto, ON
SH2166			PRUDEN E.C.	20 Jun 91	Winnipeg, MN
H16465	WWII		PAGES M.	07 Jan 91	St. Boniface, MN
H17204	WWII	Pte	RHODES G.T.	03 Jun 91	New Westminster,
BC					
K800237		RF Pte	RITCHIE F.J.	21 Apr 91	Vancouver, BC
V30824	WWII	Sgt	ROWE G.K.	25 Dec 90	Edmonton, AB
SA1222	Korea		ROBINSON J.H.	20 Feb 90	London, ON
	WWII		RICHARD W.	18 May 91	
P22105	WWII		SHARPE H.W.	30 Aug 91	Winnipeg, MN
R97212	WWII	Sgt	THEIN R.W.	24 May 91	Wilberforce, ON
		RF Sgt	THOMPkins C.D.	04 Jun 91	Winnipeg, MN
			WIGGINS D.A.	25 Jul 91	Stoney Plain, AB
H8033	WWII	Pte	WILMOT R.V.	29 May 91	Thunder Bay, ON
WWII,	Korea,	RF LGen	WATERS S.C.	17 Sep 91	Calgary, AB

